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Successful **'failures'**

HOSE who take pleasure in identifying with minorities have enjoyed a gilt edged bonus in the Football League this season.

Players written-off as failures have climbed off the floor to revive flagging reputations, and some clubs have produced per-formances considered to be well beyond their capabilities.

No club has done more to hearten the depressed workforce in South Wales than City, Swansea who have attacked the First Division as if their very lives depended on winning the title at the first attempt.

Little neighbours Luton and Watford are sprinting towards promotion to the First Division, and Barnsley F.C., often the subject of nightclub jokes, have sent Swansea and Brighton crashing out of the League Cup almost talk of making it to the First Division.

Some people wanted to bury Ray Clemence before his time also, but those who doubted Spurs' widsom in capturing the former Liverpool star are hiding their faces after some stirring performances by Clem.

Some believed Andy King's career was heading towards oblivion when he left Everton for Queens Park Rangers.

King himself worried about his future after losing his appetite for the game, but West Bromwich Albion are proving to be his salvation.

Bob Latchford and Mick Ferguson, out of favour at Everton and Coventry respectively, are rejuvenated at Swansea and Everton, and Danny Greaves's goalscoring exploits for Southend have silenced critics who remarked acidly that he was not fit to lace-up his father's boots.

Only Frank Sinatra has made more comebacks than Denis Smith, Stoke City's patched-up warrior who has re-appeared in the famous red and white stripes hoping the club would score as many goals as he has endured broken bones.

Yes, the 1981-82 season is memorable already for shattering forecasts, silencing critics, and raising the hopes of the unfortunate.

IKE a lighthouse in a raging storm, Pat Jennings stands solidly, head and shoulders above the turbulence currently besetting his profession.

Arsenal's Northern Ireland international goalkeeper is a footballer of enormous talent, priceless value and model professionalism — three qualities sadly lacking in so many of the modern players whose comparatively moderate talents are being purchased for vastly inflated sums of devalued money

That is why SHOOT believes this is the right time to focus on a player who has given more to football than he has taken out of the game, said good things about his profession or said nothing at all, and earned the total respect of even those players whose dreams of success and glory have been wrecked by his consistent ability

to stop them scoring.
Jennings was born in Newry, Co. Down, Northern Ireland on June 12th, 1945 and grew up playing Gaelic football before taking up his current code.

In the tradition of so many Uistermen, he was spotted by a League scout and began his prefessional career with Watford, then in the Third Division, in

season 1962-63. His form made him an

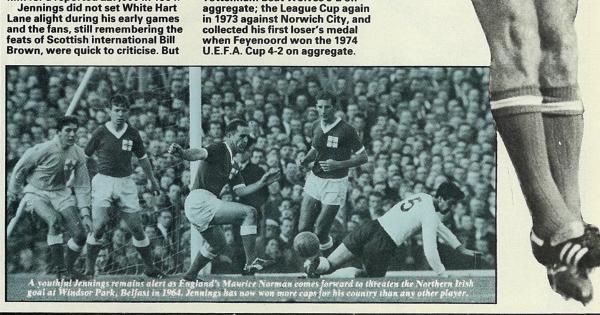
immediate hit with the Vicarage Road fans and earned Jennings the first of a now record number of international appearances when he made his debut against Wales on April 15, 1964 at Swansea. Jennings' next international

milestone will surely be his 90th appearance for his country, having long-since overtaken Terry Neill's original record.

His form for Watford attracted a host of scouts, but it was Tottenham Hotspur who signed him for a reported £27,000 in 1964.

Jennings did not set White Hart Lane alight during his early games





Yet after 13 glorious years with Spurs, a disagreement about a contract led to Jennings leaving White Hart Lane in 1977. That, in itself, was astonishing, but that he should be sold to arch-rivals Arsenal, and for the unbelievable sum of around £40,000 is still hard to believe.

As if to lodge a pillar of salt in a gaping wound, Jennings produced the best form in his already distinguished career as Arsenal marched to three consecutive F.A. Cup Finals, losing 1-0 to Ipswich in 1978, beating Man. Utd. 3-2 in a heart-stopping finale in 1979 and losing 1-0 to West Ham in 1980.

Jennings was faultless in all three games, as indeed he was when a weary Arsenal drew 0-0 after extra-time with Valencia in the 1980 European Cup-Winners' Cup Final only to lose the trophy on penalties.

The Football Writers made Jennings their Footballer of the Year in 1973, and his fellow professionals voted him the P.F.A. Player of the Year in 1976, a

remarkable double.

'A giant among 'keepers'

- DENIS LAW



DENIS Law, recognised as one of the all-time great strikers, describes Jennings as: "A giant among goalkeepers."

Law, whose career with Hud-dersfield, Manchester United and Manchester City brought goals, glory, medals and the freedom of Hampden Park as the idol of Scotland, remembers Jennings as one man who foiled him more often than any other.

'Pat is a natural shot-stopper. He even makes saves while diving

the wrong way.
"I would like to recall one outstanding save, but quite honestly he made too many at my expense

for me to choose one.

"But I do remember him making number of excellent saves against Manchester United at Old Trafford in the 1967 F.A. Charity Shield match . . . then, when Dave Mackay knocked a free-kick back to him, Pat lifted an astonishing clearance high into the clouds that sailed over all of us . . . bounand flew over Alex Stepney for the most unusual goal I can remember. But that is Pat, always the player capable of producing that something extra-special."

'Makes his own rules'

MALCOLM MACDONALD



M ALCOLM Macdonald is something of an expert on goal-keepers. The former Luton, Newcastle, Arsenal and England centre-forward spent his spectacular playing career studying them, and beating them with impressive regularity.

Macdonald, now manager of Fulham, says: "Pat is the best unorthodox 'keeper I have ever known. He makes his own rules, that's why he makes saves no other 'keeper can make.

"The one-handed catches, the saves with his legs, the incredible agility, all are deliberate and part of his marvellous gallery of skills.

"Pat the man is quiet, modest, unassuming, totally professional and a great example to any lad who wants to enter the game. Pat the 'keeper is one of the all-time

greats.

"When we were team-mates at Arsenal, he did things in that goal that I did not believe humanly possible. It got to the stage where the rest of the lads stopped bothering to tell him how great a game he had played!

"He is probably the most attack-minded 'keeper I have ever seen. The moment Pat catches a ball he is looking to release a forward. His throws can clear the halfway line. And his kicks are something to behold . . . with either foot.

"I have seen him make wondersaves, yet not budge for a shot that rolled inside a post. He says he never goes for the shots he knows he cannot reach. But you rarely see him dive for a shot that hits the back of the net.

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Consistency his secret'





COTLAND'S Kenny Dalglish SCOTLAND'S Kenny Daiglish has faced Pat Jennings in countless important club and international matches, none more so than the World Cup qualifying tie between Scotland and Northern Ireland in Belfast on October 14.

Jennings once again emerged with honours and a clean sheet, but the 0-0 was enough to send Dalglish on his way to his third

World Cup Finals.

"Pat possesses a calm temperament which has a good influence

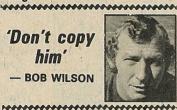
on the players around him.
"I believe his secret is his consistency. Season after season he emerges as one of the best goalkeepers in the League, rarely making a mistake, rarely playing an

average game.
"I suppose it is almost taken for granted that he will make excellent saves. Who is surprised to hear that Pat Jennings was the reason why Arsenal earned a point or made fine saves to ensure his

team winning.
"Consistency, ability and temperament are what make Pat an opponent to admire and respect, especially if you score goals for a living!"

'Don't copy him'

- BOB WILSON



OB Wilson, who was Arsenal's goalkeeper during their wonderful League and Cup double side

of 1971, describes Jennings as a: "One-off, a unique player."
Wilson, capped by Scotland and considered an expert goalkeeping coach outside his BBC television role, works with Jennings twice a week, but admits: "I just keep him warmed up. There is no way I would presume to coach so great a

player.
"Pat is playing so well that I predict he will emulate the great Italian 'keeper Dino Zoff, 40 this ebruary and holder of a record 95

foolish for anyone to try and copy

record for making really unor-thodox saves. But they are not lucky, as people so often say. They are the result of Pat covering his goal and getting the whole of his body into action in order to block shots.

"I admire Pat the goalkeeper because he is world-class. I like Pat the man because he is sincere, modest and a man who never says





'He never stops talking'

- WILLIE YOUNG

FEW players are better qualified to judge a 'keeper than defenders who play in front of him.

Willie Young played in three successive F.A. Cup Finals in front of

Jennings and believes he has the ability to make his team-mates

play above themselves.

"He may look quiet and calm from the sidelines," says Young:
"But Pat never stops talking to you, organising you and studying the way the game is going. His concentration is excellent.

"Pat gives you confidence. I always feel that I can attack the ball, knowing that if I fail to win the challenge, he is behind me. It gives you the time to be positive, something that not every 'keeper can instil in his colleagues.

Great saves? Unless we have a few hours to spare there is no point in even starting. There are so many to recall that it is a waste of time. Pat Jennings is the tops in his profession and there is no higher that a professional can go."



SORRY IF WE **WERE LATE!**

SOME readers may have received last week's issue a few days late. This was due to a printing dispute which was beyond our control. Also, a few small errors may have slipped through because of the production problems.

I apologise for any inconvenience caused

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Newcastle ring changes

NEWCASTLE manager Arthur Cox does not have any money to spend, but that is not stopping him from giving the team a new look.

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Alan Brown has arrived from Sunderland on loan, with Jim Holton also moving from Sheffield Wednesday at no cost.

And Cox is slowly introducing youngsters from the successful reserve team into the Second Division

Among the names to watch out for are Wes Saunders, Kevin Pugh, Peter Haddock and Kevin Todd.

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ROBSON



B RYAN Robson, Manchester United's record £1.7 million signing, has the talent to become one of football's all-time

Who says so? Who else but the man who paid West Bromwich Albion all that money - Ron Atkinson (left).

United's manager says: "He can influence a game and I think people will see in the next year or two why I have picked him out as capable of being

one of the great names in the game."

Atkinson casts the England midfield star in the same mould as Franz

Beckenbauer, Bobby Moore, Dave Mackay and Billy Bremner.
"They were men who could change the course of a game," he says.
Atkinson reckons that more youngsters should use their spare time kicking a football.

"There is not enough playing under lamp posts at night, not enough kids who will overcome any handicap or lack of facilities to just play for the joy of

"All the great players I can remember were good ball players because they formed their talents in the street or in the playground where the dribbler was the star. The system then encouraged the boy who could hold the ball."

JOHN CONNOLLY, the former St. Johnstone, Everton, Birmingham and Newcastle midfielder, may be on the move from Hibs. The 31-year-old former Scottish Under 23 star may return to Perth where he started his career. However Dunfarmline manager Pat

However, Dunfermline manager Pat Stanton may try to tempt him to East End Park. Hibs are willing to release the player whom they signed on a free transfer from Newcastle two years ago.



POLICE PRAISE CELTIC FANS

CELTIC fans thought they were seeing things when a section of their own supporters were wearing blue and white scarves at the home game against Aberdeen.

But their eyes were not deceiving them. A group of Celtic fans were, indeed, showing the colours of arch-rivals Rangers.

After closer examination, however, all was revealed. They were, in fact, Ipswich scarves which had been exchanged earlier in the week at Portman Road. **CELTIC** fans thought they were seeing

ortman Road.

More than 5,000 Celtic fans made the

Champions defeat Ipswich 3-2 in a
Testimonial match for veteran Northern
Ireland centre-half Allan Hunter.

They saw a competitive game but off-the-field exchanges were friendly and Ipswich police were full of praise for the behaviour of Celtic's giant support.

They even stayed behind after the final whistle, not to salute their own team but instead to give Hunter a deserved ovation. The big defender responded by throwing his famous number five shirt into the crowd.

Touchline bar

THE Football League's decision to ban the Touch-line Talk-in', where managers had a link-up with television commentators, spells disappointment for London Weekend Television, who were the first to incorporate the idea

into match coverage.

A LWT spokesman, commenting on the ban, said: "We felt that it gave the viewer more of an insight into the tactics and planning of a football match and from our point of view anything that adds information to our programme

is a good thing.
"Possibly the Football League are worried about the possibility of any bad language from the bench, but on a recorded match this could easily be edited out even if it happened in the first place.

"Really we cannot see what harm it would do but as always with ideas of this nature the League have the right to

However, the final word comes from the Football League. Secretary Graham Kelly explains, confirming the ban:
"There was a growing feeling within
the League that interviewing managers
during a match was an unwarranted intrusion.

HAZARDS HEADING HAZARD

MIKE Hazard, the 21-year-old midfielder, of Spurs, admits that he has trouble with his head. Hazard (seen here shooting narrowly wide v. Brighton) says: "I must be the worst header of the ball at the club." at the club.

But Mike is in good company.
That was always the biggest
weakness in Hoddle's game and,
even now, it isn't one of his
strongest departments.
Hazard hit the headlines when

brought into the Spurs side for injured Ricky Villa by scoring goals against Sunderland, his home team, and Manchester United.

He joined Spurs as an apprentice in July, 1976, and signed professional 19 months later.



Just popping out Mum!

SUPPORTERS of the Year . . . or just plain daft? That is the question that both Barnsley and the parents of 14-year-old schoolboys Andrew Howard and Russell Lee have to decide. The two friends cycled 500 miles to Swansea and back for a League Cup-tie against the First Division side.

Barnsley manager Norman Hunter has his own conflicting views. "On one hand, it is a terrific feat and supporters like them are welcomed by the players and myself at Oakwell. On the other hand, they did not go about it in the right way."

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"I want to meet them to say both these things — and stress that they were completely out of order to tell their parents that they were visiting friends in the Derbyshire hills."

WHO would believe that a manager of a

WHO would believe that a manager of a senior Scottish club had not bought a single player in 12 years?

Stirling Albion manager Alex Smith's quite amazing record came to end recently when he parted with all of £10,000 to sign Falkirk forward Paul Leetion, his first-ever buy as a boss.

"I was five years with Stenhousemuir before I took over Stirling," says Smith.
"I've been seven years at Annfield and the only players I have signed have been juniors or free transfers."

BARNSLEY'S TARGET

BARNSLEY, still congratulating themselves on their £40,000 'steal', Ronnie Glavin, from Celtic a few years ago, are ready to move into the Scottish market again. The target this time is Hamilton's resolute centre-back Alan McDougall. Meanwhile, Hamilton have fixed up John Blackley, the former Scottish World Cup defender, on a free transfer from Preston.

Orient's McNeil

ORIENT'S injury problems and their bad start to the season have been an unexpected bonus for young striker Mark McNeil.

Mark, an 18-year-old from East London's Forest Gate, was called in to face Q.P.R. He played the next four games, including a starring role in the 3-0 defeat of highly placed Sheffield Wednesday.

Manager Ken Knighton said:
"When I took over, I had no hesitation in putting Mark in the team. I am delighted with the way things have progressed."

m not quitting

testimonial match was not the prelude to him standing down as manager of First Division Notts

Sirrel, who has piloted County from the Fourth Division back to the First, after an absence of 55 years, said: "That decision is not really in my hands.

"I have got as many years left as the club's results allow. I have enjoyed all my time at Notts County, and throughout my time

SNAPS SIRREL

here I have been privileged to work with good honest players.

When I do decide to go, that decision will be made with the best interests of Notts County in mind — that is what matters to

A crowd of 6,780 saw a Nottingham Forest invitation side beat County 5-3 in the Sirrel testimonial match.



"DON'T talk to me about straw hats and

IF you go to a certain corner of Clapham IF you go to a certain corner of Clapham Common in south London to watch football, you could be forgiven for thinking you were in South America. For all the sideline chatter is in Spanish and whenever a goal is scored the spectators respond with an enthusiastic "Ole".

Not even the drab English weather can dampen the eagerness of the players, most of them South American exiles living in South London.

There are now nine teams who play

There are now nine teams who play regularly on the three pitches and they are thinking of setting up their own League.

Four of the teams are Colombian, two Chilean and one Ecuadorian. Another team has Chilean, Brazilian and Uruguayan members and one is Latin

Carry On Stein

JOCK STEIN is set to remain as Scot-land's manager until 1986 at least. Stein, aged 59, took over three years ago, but never signed a contract with

His term was due to end sometime next year after the World Cup Finals, but he has done such a marvellous job with the national team that efforts will be made to keep him for another four years.

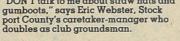
DESPITE a fine scoring record since his £120,000 signing from Mansfield, Terry Austin finds himself constantly barracked by the Huddersfield crowd.

Manager Mick Buxton explains: "Terry

is probably the best striker at the club, but it's amazing how he's got most of his goals away from home.
"The fans resent the fact that he came

into the side in place of one of their favourite strikers.
"Ian Robins, Peter Fletcher and Steve

Kindon had all been successful, but Fletcher was out injured so I bought Terry. "Now they're all fit, they see him as the odd one out, and they've been getting on his back which is very unfair."



Beardsley's bust-up

WHAT a day for Carlisle's Peter Beardsley left out of the team as he received an award as the North's

Player of the Year.

Beardsley didn't play against Fulham after a dispute with manager Bob

Stokoe over where he should play.

Stokoe wanted to play him in midfield, but Beardsley said he would rather not turn out if he couldn't take a striker's role.

"I'm disappointed because this time last year he would have played anywhere just to get a game," said Stokoe after naming his side without

Beardsley. And the first the Brunton Park crowd knew of the affair was when Beardsley walked out to receive his award — a silver salver — from the Sunday Sun newspaper minutes before the kick-off — and wasn't in the Carlisle strip.



ROCKET

ALL aboard the
"Birmingham
Rocket". City's new
Dutch stars Toine Van
Mierlo and Bud Brocken invite their girlfriends aboard apparatus in a park in the city.

ONE of the best buys ever made by Wolves is defender Derek Parkin, who has set a new appearance record for the Midland club.

Midland club.

When he played in the goalless draw at Swansea it was his 491st appearance for Wolves and in the process he beat the previous record held by former England skipper, Billy Wright.

He is now in his 15th season at Molineux following his £76,000 move from Huddersfield Town.

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His next milestone is to play in his 500th game for Wolves — a record he will dearly treasure.

It was not so long ago that Parkin's career appeared to have ended when he was forced to rest on medical advice. Fortunately, the trouble was not as bad

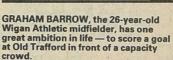
VOICE OF ROKER

FORMER Scottish international lain Munro is the new captain of struggling

He was appointed in place of Jeff Clarke because manager Alan Durban believes Clarke is not the sort of

"shouter" needed by the team. He remains the club captain.

Munro, meanwhile, has not given up hope of making the Scottish squad for the World Cup Finals.



Barrow, from Chorley, Lancashire, used to love watching George Best play for United.

for United.
A former Chorley and Leyland schoolboy player, Barrow has seen service with Blackburn, Chorley, Southport and Altrincham and had a nonth's trial at Everton.

Briefly

· Eddie Niedzwiecki. the 22-year-old Wrexham 'keeper who has made the League position his own this season after four years as a reserve, has alerted the

scouts of many clubs with some sparkling displays. Eddie, Welsh born but of Polish descent, was kept in the shadows at the Racecourse ground by Welsh international Dai Davies who is now with

O Scotland have arranged a World Cup warm-up game against hosts Spain in Valencia on

February 24.

February 24.
They should remember their short tour of South America before the World Cup Finals in Argentina in '78. They drew 1-1 with hosts Argentina, but just look at what happened when the action really when the action really kicked-off!

The South Americans went on to beat Holland 3-1 after extra-time in the Final, while Scotland failed to get past the first

• St Johnstone's good run last season, when they just missed out on promotion to the Scottish Premier Division, enabled

them to turn a £30,000 loss into a profit of the same amount. Gate receipts were up by more than £40,000 but the main source of revenue was the club lottery which raised £112,000.

> • Irish soccer has lost journalist Mel Moffat, who worked for the 'Irish Press' in Dublin for 13 years. He has emigrated with his family to Perth, Australia. Mel was honoured with presentations by the League and the FAI.

• Liverpool have expressed an interest in John Reilly, a 19-year-old reserve striker with Dundee



SUPER SCOUT QUITS

SUPER SCOUT Ron Jukes has quit Third Division Walsall. Jukes has bought them a host of players who have been transferred for big

money.
Leeds boss Allan Clarke and West Ham keeper Phil Parkes are just two of the men he has discovered. Six of the regular Walsall team in the promotion race were unearthed by Jukes.

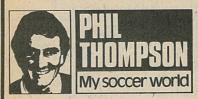
SHOOTSCOOP!

WATCH out for another super star signing. One of the game's outstanding strikers is joining SHOOT'S unbeatable team of star writers.

Don't miss his first column next

UR easy ride so far in the League Cup suddenly turned rough when the first names out of the bag dealt us the draw we least wanted. Away to Arsenal, the team guaranteed to give us a blood and thunder

Already billed as the tie of the Fourth Round, it'll be a game worthy of the Final itself for tension, commitment and thrills.



ARSENAL v LIVERPOOL League Cup Fourth Round



'A draw would suit us'

As their coach, Don Howe, com-

mented: "It'll probably be in the tradition of most Arsenal-Liverpool Cup-ties. There won't be much in it and the result will go to the team that battles hardest and makes the most of the breaks."

I second that — and fingers crossed the team that goes forward to the Quarter-Finals is Liverpool.

Our wins in the Second and Third Rounds have boosted our confidence as high as Wembley's twin towers, which we're hoping to see in March, and we're determined to hang on to a trophy that took us 21 years to win.

The League Cup may rank behind the League Championship and the F.A. Cup, but it's still something every club likes to win.

Record

It was great to start our defence with an 11-goal aggregate win over Exeter, which brought another record to Liverpool.

And we made light work of the job of disposing of Middlesbrough, winning 4-1 at Anfield.

But now we face a vastly different proposition against Arsenal, gritty Cup-fighters, and at Highbury, never one of our happy hunting grounds.

Anything we get there we know we'll have sweated buckets for, as Arsenal never give up.

Our most recent Cup clash with The Gunners, in the F.A. Cup Semi-Final of 1980, developed into a fourgame marathon, which they won 1-0 at Coventry in the longest-running tie at this stage in the history of the competition.

Two years before that we beat them in the League Cup Semis with

an aggregate score of 2-1, the result in the first-leg at Anfield. We managed to hold them to a goalless

draw at Highbury.
Unfortunately, this Round is not played over two legs, which would suit us, as we fancy our chances at Anfield, where we've already beaten Arsenal 2-0 in the League this season.

Although we've already got a heavy programme ahead, with a World Championship match in Tokio and a friendly with Glasgow Rangers to celebrate the opening of their North Stand at Ibrox in addition to our League games, we'd be happy to hold The Gunners to a draw at Highbury to take

them to a replay at our place. Arsenal have suffered two body blows in recent seasons, losing Liam Brady to Juventus, and Frank Stapleton to Man-chester United, gifted players almost impossible to replace. This has thrown a lot of pressure on the likes of Graham Rix and probably caused him to concentrate more on helping out his team -mates instead

'Kevin Keegan is a right handful'

of bringing out all his flair for posi-tioning and ball control.

The situation has had its good side, allowing reserves to step up, and I've been particularly taken with displays from three coloured youngsters, Raphael Meade, Paul Davis and Chris Whyte.

So the scene is set for another Cup clash between two deadly rivals who'll slog it out, head to head and toe to toe. It'll be so tight, I'm betting that when the final whistle is blown, whether at Highbury or Anfield, there'll only one one goal to separate the teams.

Liverpool have a great chance to warm up for the Cup-tie with a visit to The Dell to play Southampton in the League this Saturday.

It's amazing the number of people who ask me what it's like playing against Kevin Keegan, my former Liverpool and present England team-mate.

Energy

He's a right handful. Never gives up, is a non-stop bundle of energy, and always springing surprises, doing the unpredictable.

Being on the small side, he buz-

zes around my feet, unlike the big fellers, whom I prefer to play against, who operate more in the

Generally, though, I come off best. He played against us for Hamburger SV in the Super Cup a few years back, and we won hand-somely, and we've done well against Southampton with him in the side.

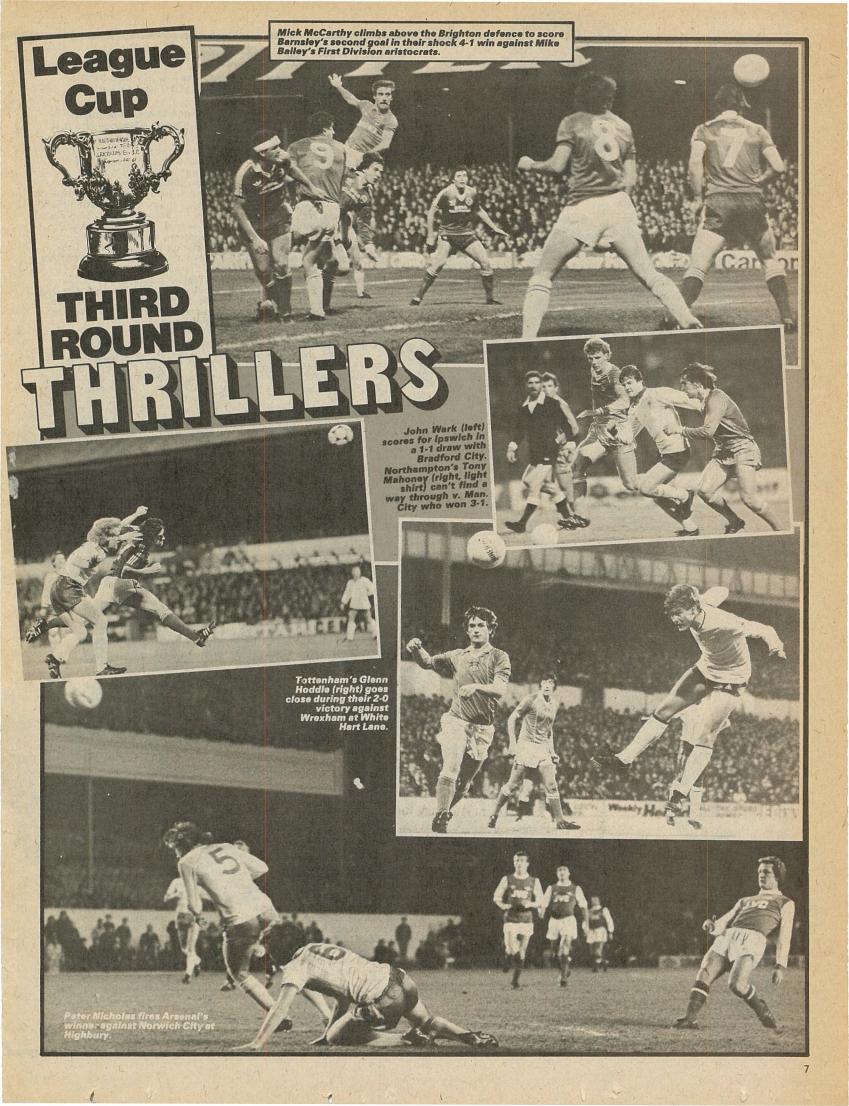
I can't remember him ever leading the First Division goalscorers before, and he looks a fair bet to win the SHOOT/ADIDAS award. Many of his goals have been scored from the penalty-spot, but this is normal for top scorers.

One that got away was, ironically, against Ray Clemence when Saints

played Spurs. Ray knows Kev usu-ally shoots to the 'keeper's right, so he gambled on a switch, went to his left, and made the save! Because Kev's game is based on all-action, many critics are forecasting that now he's touched 30 he'll soon be burnt out. Rubbish! He's one of the fittest players in football. There's a mass of mileage left in the little man before he retires.

In fact, I think the best of Kev is to come — on the playing fields of Spain when he leads England in next year's World Cup Finals.

Tune in next week when I'll be telling you all about that magic night at Wembley when we won the battle against Hungary to earn our tickets to the land of our World Cup dreams!



NCE Trevor Francis left Birmingham City for Nottingham Forest in February, 1979 to become Britain's first £1m footballer, nine more players have figured in similar deals to join that elite band of soccer superstars.

But, for some, the ride has been less than smooth and it could be argued that their problems began before the ink

had dried on their contracts.

Being a £1m player is not all goals and glory — often it can mean loss of form, loss of confidence and, inevitably, the unenviable tag of '£1m flop'. Many players who change clubs for massive transfer fees claim the

burden of carrying such an expensive tag will not affect them.
Yet inwardly they must be acutely aware of the responsibility they have to the club and, above all, the fans every time they pull on a football jersey. Everyone expects top class performances from the £1m players. If they don't

produce the goods, discontent

A prime example of a player whose League career was wrecked after such a move is Steve Daley, former Wolves, Manchester City and England 'B' midfielder.

For 48 hours Daley was For 48 hours Daley was Britain's most expensive player at £1,450,000 — before Andy Gray joined Wolves from Aston Villa for £20,000 more — when he signed for Manchester City from Wolves. Now he is playing for Seattle Sounders in the

Trevor scored 28 goals in 70 League appearances for Brian Clough's side and was an unqualified success at the City Ground before a crippling Achilles tendon injury put a question mark over his future. He has completely recovered, though, and is still producing the touches and blistering pace for City which make him one of the best strikers in the country.

While it is interesting to note that seven of the ten million pound players are strikers, several have had trouble finding the net since

their transfers.

Long wait

The most notable of those was Garry Birtles, a £11/4m signing from Nottingham Forest to Manchester United. Birtles, frequently on the scoresheet at Forest, went 11 months and 30 League matches before he finally hit the League goal trail for the Old Trafford club.

When he eventually scored a League goal for United in their home 1-0 win over Swansea he was predictably relieved. "I was pleased to score after so long, although I always knew the goals

anonymity of the North American

anonymity of the North American Soccer League.
He lasted just 18 months at Maine Road — and played under two managers, Malcolm Allison and John Bond — before going to Seattle for £300,000. A staggering £1.1m was lost by City on that deal. Daley's League career lay in ruins and his chances of full England honours seem remote.
But not all of the £1m deals have an unhappy ending.

an unhappy ending. Trevor Francis, who figured in the second million pound deal of his career when he joined Manchester City from Forest, helped pay off some of the cash Forest first splashed out on him with a priceless goal in Munich in

May, 1979. In his first competitive European club match he won the European Cup for Forest with the only goal of the game against Swedish side Malmo.

"Obviously not scoring goals for so long worried me, how could it not do? But the crowd were marvellous to me when they had

marvellous to me when they had every right to crucify me, considering I had cost over a million," said Birtles.

Happily Garry is now regularly on target again, but while the goals dried up for Birtles they flowed more freely for Andy Gray, Kevin Reeves and Ian Wallace after their transfers. Indeed, like Francis, Gray scored a most valuable goal after his transfer, winning the League Cup for Wolves with the only goal of the 1979-80 Final against Nottingham Forest. against Nottingham Forest.

Kevin Reeves, who moved from Norwich to Manchester City in March, 1980, took a little longer to settle down at Maine Road and has not hit the net with such regularity

The same can be said of Scottish striker lan Wallace, who is

Million pound misfit Steve Daley



Trevor Francis (above) has made two million pound moves. Kenny Sansom (right) and Clive Allen (far right) figured in a seven-figure exchange deal.

Few of the £1m men have been value for money



nevertheless playing for Forest with renewed confidence after a slow start following his transfer from Coventry City, in July, 1980 fot £11/4m.

However, both Reeves and Wallace have been on target regularly so far this season for their clubs.

Old form

Britain's first million pound black player Justin Fashanu signed by Nottingham Forest from Norwich — has been struggling to recapture his old form for his new club.

Clive Allen, who figured in two million pound deals, amazingly never played a competitive game for Arsenal who had signed him from Q.P.R.

He moved on to Crystal Palace, in an exchange deal which took England defender Kenny Sansom to Highbury, and now finds himself back at Q.P.R.

Allen, now 20, became Britain's first million pound teenager, but since his return to Loftus Road, he has not completely found the goalscoring touch which made him such hot property.

Bryan Robson's record-breaking £1,750,000 transfer from West Bromwich Albion to Manchester United is too recent to assess the success of the deal. But the early signs are that he will prove a considerable asset to the Manchester club.

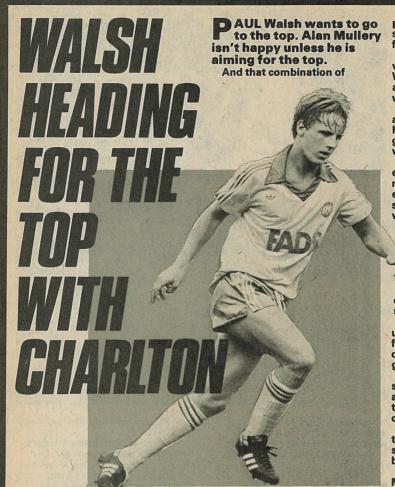
Perhaps the outstanding success though, of all these players has been Arsenal's Kenny Sansom—the only defender among them.

the only defender among them.
He has not missed a League
match since joining their ranks in
August, 1980 and has turned in
performances, both for club and
country, of a consistently high
quality, scoring several goals into
the bargain.

Player statistics up to the start of this season

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	Andy Gray —	Clubs: Apps: Goals:	Dundee Utd, 62 36	A. Villa, 113 54	Wolves 62 21	Garry Birtles —	Clubs: Apps: Goals:	Nottm. Forest 87 32	, Man. Utd. 25 0	
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personalities and ambitions should guarantee a healthy future for Charlton Athletic.

"During the summer, I thought I was on my way," said 19-year-old Walsh, who has generated interest

wash, with has gellerated inteller among the top clubs in the land with his exciting striking skills. "Then Alan Mullery moved in – and he has changed everything. His first words to me were: 'I'm going to reach the top. Do you

want to come with me?'
"That was enough for me. He is
enthusiastic about the game and is
not frightened by players expressing themselves. He is straight and honest when dealing with you. Players appreciate that

"If you have played well, he'll tell you so. But he will be equally blunt if you have had a bad game.

Walsh's personal content-ment, reflected in his

signature on a new two-year

contract, is there for everyone to see when he plays. "When Alan Mullery builds you up to go out, you don't feel any fear. There is no tension, just a determination to do well. It's a great atmosphere."

And as a Charlton fan since his schoolboy days, Walsh is delighted at the way Mullery has woken up the proverbial sleeping giant of a

"The fans are dying for the club to do well. And now all the new signings are settling in, we are becoming more consistent."

Those new signings include Don McAllister from Spurs, Leighton

Phillips from Swansea, Phil Ferns from Bournemouth and Billy

Lansdowne from West Ham.
Walsh is clearly thriving in the
new environment and he believes that he could well taste life in the First Division with Charlton.

But he also has ambitions in other fields.

He has experienced two years with the England youth team and was part of the squad that won the Little World Cup in 1980. "My sights now are set on an England Under-21 cap. It was a

marvellous feeling playing for my country and I would like to

progress all the way up the ladder.
"I dream about winning a full
cap one day."

'Loving'

However, the level-headed youngster is not one to stroll about with his head in the clouds.

"Alan Mullery would never let that happen anyway. I am loving life in the Second Division. "In the lower Divisions, people

will foul you rather than risk

will foul you beat them. It is far more physical.

"In the Second Division, you get that little bit more time, that extra chance to express yourself."

Aston Villa and Ipswich are

among his biggest fans -Walsh isn't interested.

"All I want is to score goals for Charlton and help them out of the Second Division.

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Gerry Armstrong (above) jumps for joy after scoring Northern Ireland's goal that sent them to a World Cup Finals for the first time since 1958. A Kevin Keegan (left) inspired England got their necessary points with a convincing 1-0 against Hungary.

THREE and one to go



Scotland defenders move in to stop Portugal's Costa. Although beaten 2-1, Jock Stein's men still finished top of their Group Six qualifying section.



Despite losing 3-0 in Russia (dark shirt) Wales' World Cup hopes were still alive — providing their conquerors in Tbilisi could beat the Czechs.

ON'T discount Southampton as Championship challengers! That's the defiant message from The Dell, despite the recent double-blows of dismissal from the Football League Cup and the UEFA Cup.

Lawrie McMenemy's talented, but so far inconsistent, squad has suffered its fair share of injuries and disruption since August. In fact many teams would be damaged by and a second seco aged beyond repair by now.

But Saints are no ordinary outfit, possessing a host of British international players from the past and

the present.

Many fans took one pre-season look at the Southampton line-up and pencilled them in as potential trophy-winners. But to date they have failed to achieve the consistency necessary to make their skills and experience tell in terms of points.

Chris Nicholl, Saints' Northern Ireland international centraldefender, believes that now is the time for straight talking, because the problems at The Dell, in his opinion, can be solved by the players themselves . . . in plenty of time for a surge at the League title.

'Excuses'

"We are an experienced team with a number of gifted young players in our midst. So we are above making excuses for what has happened so far. But there are perfectly logical, technical reasons for the way our form has been up and down," he said.

"The painful truth is that we are letting in too many goals. Ours is a team capable of scoring every week. We make lots of chances in all our games. But we have conceded bad goals, and when we have been off form, we have

looked poor. "All defenders weaknesses, but when a defensive unit plays together for a while each player gets used to the weaknesses in his colleagues and therefore learns to play to their

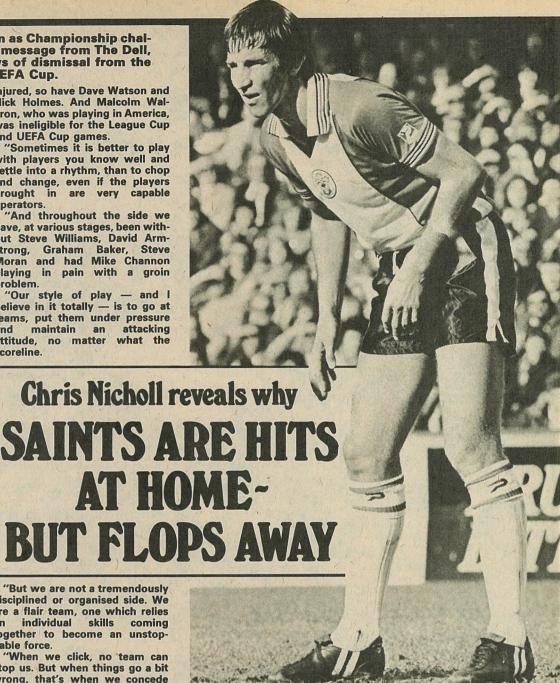
"We have suffered a lot of disruption in defence. I have been injured, so have Dave Watson and Nick Holmes. And Malcolm Waldron, who was playing in America, was ineligible for the League Cup and UEFA Cup games.

Sometimes it is better to play with players you know well and settle into a rhythm, than to chop and change, even if the players brought in are very capable

operators.

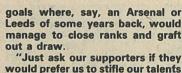
"And throughout the side we have, at various stages, been without Steve Williams, David Arm-strong, Graham Baker, Steve Moran and had Mike Channon playing in pain with a groin problem.

"Our style of play — and I believe in it totally — is to go at teams, put them under pressure and maintain an attacking attitude, no matter what the



But we are not a tremendously disciplined or organised side. We are a flair team, one which relies on individual skills coming together to become an unstoppable force.

"When we click, no team can stop us. But when things go a bit wrong, that's when we concede



would prefer us to stifle our talents as a team in order to become more regimented. I doubt if they would.

"Away from home we don't seem able to make our system work as well as we would like. But I still believe we should stick to it.

"Why? Because with three points for a win, we can lose two games, win the third and still have as many points as if we played three grim negative draws. And when we win two out of the three, then we are in the top four in the First Division. No question.

"Let's not get things out of perspective. We will win the vast majority of our home games, and score a lot of goals in the process.

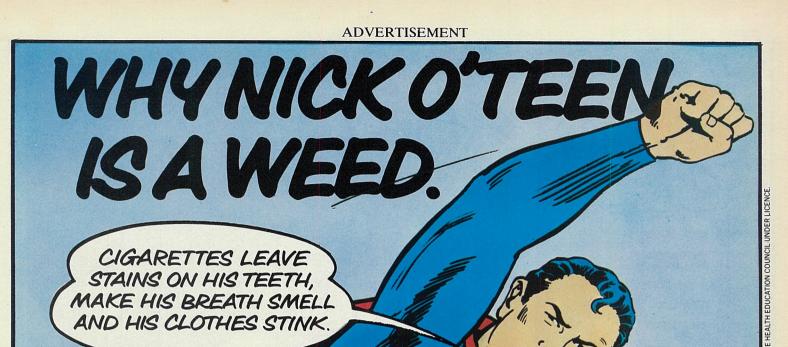
"Once we tighten up at the back, get a more settled side, and do better away from home, then we have all the quality in the side to win a League that no longer has one club threatening to run away with it.

"Our captain Kevin Keegan is scoring goals on a regular basis; Steve Moran is developing into a sharp and dangerous striker; Mike Channon has all his experience and skill to contribute; Steve Williams is simply a gifted young midfield player, getting better all the time."

But what about those League Cup and UEFA Cup failures? Chelsea are a Second Division side, and the home defeat by Malcolm Allison's Sporting Lisbon was a devastating blow. Can Southampton shake off these disappointments quickly?

"Yes, great disappointments in both cases. But we gave a good account of ourselves in Lisbon, drawing 0-0 in the second-leg, and there is the League and F.A. Cup to





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S a rule, bookmakers' predictions are accurate. So when they made Queens Park Rangers overwhelming favourites to win the Second Division Championship at the start of the season, not too many people were arguing.

And with a third of the season now completed, the Loftus Road club look capable of fulfilling those early expectations, aided no doubt

by their controversial plastic pitch. Skipper Glenn Roeder has been pleased with Rangers' start, and reckons they are looking good for promotion.

'But we want to do it in style, and that means finishing Champions," he says.

"I want a medal to show for my efforts at the end of the season, and I think I can get one.

What has particularly encouraged Roeder has been the fact that Rangers have been without key players such as Tony Currie and Road is, happily, now starting to

pay dividends.

Despite a slow start to the season, Allen has forged a formidable understanding with Simon Stain-rod and Mike Flanagan, and all three are now starting to find the

target with regularity.

Another boost for Rangers has been the unexpected goal-touch of John Gregory.

Originally signed from Brighton

as a full-back, seven goals in a nine-game burst have fully jus-tified Venables' decision to move the former Brighton player into midfield.

Gregory is one of a number of players with recent experience of the First Division at Q.P.R. Yet many of the club's detractors are convinced that Rangers' are only pushing for promotion because of their controversial omniturf pitch.

To be honest it hasn't really made that much difference, insists Roeder.

"It took us time to adapt to it,

but now we all love playing on it. Now that the grass pitches are starting to get heavy and sticky, everybody really looks forward to playing at home on a good surface. "But yes, I think we do have a slight advantage over other teams.

There's been no problem for us in adjusting to grass for our away games, and it's unfair to say that we have gained better home results simply because of the pitch.

And of the rest of the Second Division, he expects Luton, Wat-ford, Sheffield Wednesday and Leicester to pose the greatest threat to Rangers' hopes.

"Luton are undoubtedly a very good side," he says. "They don't have outstanding players, but David Pleat has achieved a good blend, and that is important.

Gerry Francis for long periods yet still continued to get the right results.

"I know it sounds bad to say there is no department of the team which needs strengthening, but that is the truth. Obviously there is room for improvement, but I can't put my finger on any particular aspect of our game and say 'we are weak here'.

"We have a very good blend. For instance, we have been without a player of Tony Currie's calibre, yet even his absence has not been reflected in our results. That is the sign of a side who are going

Following the summer sale of Steve Wicks to Crystal Palace as part of the deal which brought Clive Allen back to Loftus Road, Roeder has had to strike up a new central defensive partnership with Bob Hazell, who had been out of favour for much of his previous two years at the club.

"Bob is a very competent player," says his captain. "He came to us from Wolves with a good reputation and I've always rated the lad.

"I've not had to change my game in any way to accommodate his return to the team and feel completely at home alongside

Having shored up his defence, Rangers boss Terry Venables then turned his attentions to the forward-line, and his gamble to bring young Clive Allen back to Loftus

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A plus for Rangers this season has been the striking form of John Gregory (partly hidden by Clive Allen), seen scoring against Blackburn.

"That is even more the case with Watford. Individually they are not that great, but Graham Taylor has got them working so well together I expect to see them up there. "Sheffield Wednesday seem to

blow hot and cold as we showed when we beat them 3-1 at Hills-borough recently, but they have an excellent manager and can never be discounted. Of the teams relegated from Division One last season I think only Leicester are going to put up much of a challenge."

So are Queens Park Rangers good enough to see off the chal-lenge from the four big dangers? Captain Glenn Roeder is sure they





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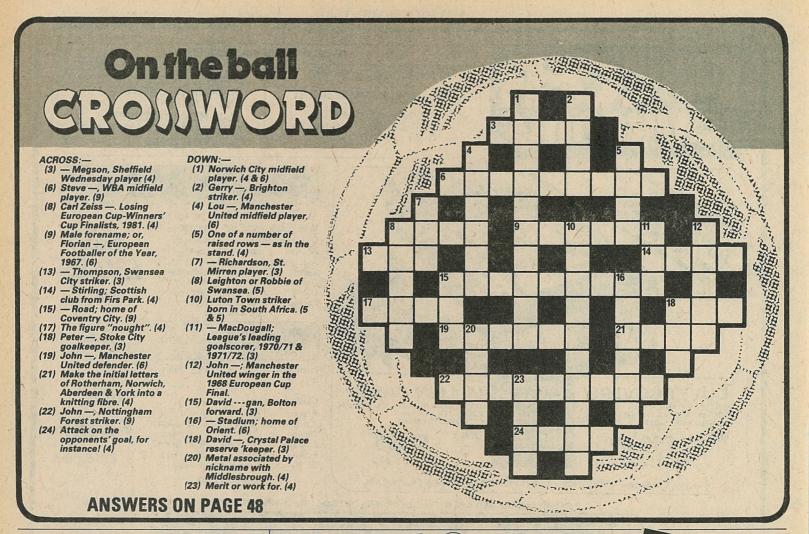
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Southampton boss Lawrie McMenemy's decision to switch Kevin into an attacking role at the start of the season paid instant dividends for Saints.

Even though five of Kevin's first ten League goals came from the penalty-spot, he is still scoring at a rate which must have given heart to England boss Ron Greenwood.

Another man enjoying a wel-

come return to goalscoring form is Swansea striker Bob Latchford. Big Bob has been rejuvenated by his summer move from Everton, and the former England interna-tional has ensured the Welsh club's challenge at the top of the League is not a shortlived one.

Too old

There was even talk about Latchford returning to the England side for the recent game against Hungary, but if he was considered to be too old for a recall, one youngster who is definitely catching Ron Greenwood's eye is Stoke forward Lee Chapman.

The burly forward has started this season where he left off last and with Adrian Heath forms one of the most promising partnerships in the League.

David Cross has slowed down in recent weeks, but Birmingham's Tony Evans keeps popping 'em in.

Cyrille Regis gets his name on the leading scorers list by courtesy of two hat-tricks, while million-pound men Frank Stapleton and lan Wallace are going some of the way to paying back their huge transfer fees.

In the Second Division, the ten eague goals of Steve White have helped to keep Luton at the top of the table. Four of those came in





HAVE known a couple of players in my time who have experienced more breaks than Hurricane Higgins. Unlike the snooker idol, however, they didn't do their careers much good.

There is nothing more disastrous in a footballer's career than a leg fracture, although some, like Dave Mackay, shrugged them off as if they had cut a finger.

I am just 'making my comeback after a diluted version of a leg of the state of the sta

after a diluted version of a leg break, a hairline fracture. I had my leg in plaster but was back in light training after four weeks.

Any player who has experienced the real thing will tell you that I certainly didn't have a broken bone, but it was certainly painful enough. And during my time off I had plenty of chances to reflect on all the knocks and bumps I have taken in my football life.

When I added them all up I decided that if I ever write another



book I am going to call it: "Why me?"

Apart from this latest leg injury I have had a fractured skull, diabetes and that mystery ankle injury which kept me out of action for a year.

The official description of my latest effort is a hairline fracture of the fibula — that is behind the shin

Still, it is amazing what training you can do, even with your leg in

For example I worked away in the multi-gym at Parkhead on the top part of my torso which was fine as long as I did nothing which was

weight bearing.
And if I every felt sorry for myself l just cast my mind back to the worst injury I ever saw, which was Brian McLaughlin, then a brilliant young teenager on the fringe of the Celtic

He was just an inexperienced 17year-old, but his knee ligaments were so badly torn in a tackle that I thought he was finished.

Happily Brian is playing well in the high flying Motherwell team who are taking the First Division by storm under a former Celtic teammate, Davie Hay.

Nauseated

I don't think I have ever felt worse after an injury than that latest one when I was sure my leg was broken. I felt terribly nauseated and sick.

Every player gets some kind of knock in his playing days, even if it is only the most common of injuries what we call in the game a Charlie Horse. That is a numb feeling in the thigh.

Some people are very unlucky, McDonald the Rangers winger who went to Dundee United and had to quit the game very young. The same goes for former Scotland man Tony Green.

Joe Jordan and Andy Gray are on the receiving end of so many bad knocks because they put their head and limbs in such dangerous places.
Injuries? I wish they would give

us all a break!

Meanwhile I must answer Miss Scotland, Georgina Kearney, who was asked by a Scottish newspaper to name her most handsome Scottish football player following a poll to uncover the equivalent in West Germany.

Johnny Mathis lookalike Hansi Muller, Stuttgart's international striker, won the title and the basis that football writers still interpret

the phrase "good looking player" as someone who has a sweet left foot or a devastating bodyswerve, the journalist in question enlisted the help of Georgina to find Scotland's most handsome player.

Now I can understand her saying that Derek Johnstone was lovely when he was thinner, but how on earth did she decide that Charlie Nicholas is the winner?

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THE Third and Fourth Division clubs may have plotted their own downfall by rejecting the Football League's proposals to regionalise and reconstruct those lower Divisions to save them heading for oblivion.

The vast majority of them with huge player commitments and overheads play before crowds smaller than the dole queues at some city offices with one of them, Plymouth, having the audacity to shell out around £3,000 for a charter plane to take them to an away fixture.

Another, Bristol City, through some mad act paid one of their ex-players—
Whitehead — about £550 a week.

I have come to the conclusion that many of the chairmen and directors of some of those clubs should be locked away for the good of the game, or let Maggie Thatcher send her hatchet men in and sort them out.

 Regionalisation would surely help to reduce costs — but would it mean a drop in standards in the lower Divisions? ***************

Not a failure

I have been slightly annoyed to read in SHOOT that Eddie McCreadie has been lumped together with other recent Chelsea managers as a 'failure'. This has been stated most recently in the editorial of the 31st October edition and in an article printed a few weeks ago entitled 'Why Chelsea's New Boss Can Succeed Where They Failed'.

Eddie McCreadie did not 'fail' at Chelsea, he resigned in the close season immediately after leading Chelsea to

immediately after leading Chelsea to promotion from Division Two after being refused a request for a club car (a

request which was granted to his successor, Ken Shellito).

I have felt that Eddie McCreadie has never received the recognition he deserves for leading Chelsea to promotion and for bringing on players such as Ray Wilkins, Steve Wicks, and Ken Swain

TONY CHIMONIDES. TOOTING.

· Chelsea's traditions as one of the most famous clubs in the League and their prominent position in the capital decree they should have a better record than they have achieved. There were good aspects of McCreadie's manage-ment, but overall he did little to restore them to the position they held a decade ago.

Not so bad

LAST season, it was common for many people to criticise the standard of football teams in Division Two.
They said that there was a considerable difference in the class of football between the two Divisions — the Second being much vector.

ond being much weaker.

However, I found it interesting to note that Swansea and West Ham have been top of Division One — both teams having been promoted last season

CHRIS VALE WHITLEY BAY.

 Swansea's team this season is somewhat different from the one that won promotion — while nobody doubted West Ham's pedigree.



Wolves' promise

IN these times of dire financial hard-IN these times of dire financial hard-ships for almost every League club, money is the main concern. Therefore Wolves' decision not to play World Champions Argentina in Buenos Aires, in a World Cup warm-up for the South Americans, is very puzzling. That is until you discover the reason-

ing behind the decision.

John Barnwell (above) kept an agreement with Dudley, a West Midlands



Pen-pal

I'M an 18-year-old Danish boy who would like a pen-pal who supports Chelsea and goes regularly to their matches.

LARS JENSEN SOLHAVEN 20 5210 ODENSE HV



League Club, that Wolves would open their floodlights on November 3rd (the date Argentina wanted to play). So instead of standing to gain £15,000, Wolves abided by their word, which is a rarity in itself these days. I say congratulations to Wolves. Even though we may not exactly be setting.

though we may not exactly be setting the First Division alight, at least we keep our word, which can only be good for the game in general.

TREVOR WORTH, **PLYMOUTH**

 It doesn't surprise me as Barnwell is one of the most honest and reliable men in the game.

Rangers no Ajax

ALLY Dawson claimed that "Rangers can be to Scotland what Ajax were to Holland in the 70's."

Ajax were an attractive team who had class players and could attract crowds.

How can the likes of Gregor Stevens

and Colin McAdam be compared to stars like Cruyff and Krol?

Surely radical changes must be made by John Greig before they can make any impact on the European scene?

COLIN GEDDES, KIRKCALDY.

 Perhaps, but you can't blame Dawson for hoping . .

Yesterday

BOB PAISLEY'S Thoughts (To the tune of the Beatles' 'Yesterday')

Yesterday, it was such an easy game to play, Other teams just seemed to cower

Oh I believe in Yesterday.

Suddenly, we're not half the team we used to be,

Other teams now face us gleefully, Oh yesterday came suddenly.

Why we've grown so old, I don't know, I just can't say, I've done something wrong, Now I long for Yesterday.

Yesterday, it was such an easy game to other teams just seemed to cower Oh I believe in Yesterday.

E. LAWRENCE

GREENWICH Liverpool may have been off song at times this season — but few people would bet against them winning something (again).

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Who was the goalkeeper who broke his neck during a big match at Wembley?

● It was Manchester City's Bert Trautmann, Annabelle. His injury took place in the 1956 F.A. Cup Final — while playing for the club in their 3-1 win over Birmingham — and was sustained when he dived at the feet of onrushing striker Peter Murphy.

The ex-German paratrooper courageously played out the remaining quarter of an hour in great pain, often being obliged to clutch a post for support — and it wasn't until after the game was over that the full extent of the injury was diagnosed and it was realised that his neck was broken.

The incident was a pure accident, and happily Trautmann in time fully recovered to play many more games in first-class soccer — 508 League games and 33 F.A. Cup-ties for Manchester City before he retired from playing in 1964.

Have my favourite club, Manchester United, ever played a non-League team in the F.A. Cup?

 Yes, Morgan, several times over the years.

But one memorable occasion which

springs to mind took place in January, 1953 — at a time when they were cur-

1953 — at a time when they were corrent League Champions.

Then they were held 1-1 at Old Trafford by Walthamstow Avenue — after being behind until late in the game — before winning the replay 5-2.

<u>United's amateur</u>

ANNABELLE PARKER,

HOLLAND

Now that Q.P.R. are playing their home games on synthetic turf, I'd like to know if any World Cup-tie has ever been played on an artificial surface?

DAVID IBELEME, NIGERIA

MORGAN JUHLEN, SWEDEN

• At least I know of one, David — and that was the 1-1 World Cup qualifying tie between Canada and the United States at Vancouver's Empire Stadium in September, 1976.

And what's more the return, which the U.S.A. won 2-0 in Seattle, was actually played "indoors" in the domed Kingdome Stadium.

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- of Alf Common, from Sunderland to Middlesbrough, in February, 1905. (A. JOHNSON, New Zealand)
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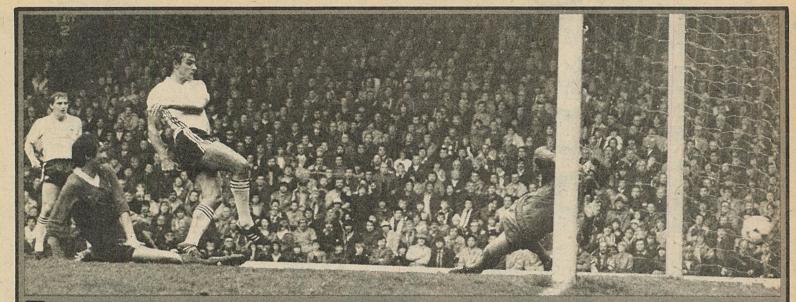
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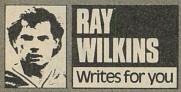
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THIS season's
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the title. The sides I expect
to see leading the pack next
April are Manchester
United, Ipswich Town, Spurs,
Nottingham Forest and
needless to say, Liverpool.

I said at the beginning of the season we would be Champions and I'm even more confident now.

You haven't seen the best of Manchester United yet although our win at Sunderland was pretty close to it. It's not easy for new players to settle in straight away, but John Gidman, Remi Moses, Bryan Robson and Frank Stapleton have done just that.



It wouldn't surprise me if Ron Atkinson went into the transfer market again, despite his already massive outlay. In training and at team talks he drops little hints, saying "maybe I'll have to bring in a new player...."

player . . . "
I don't know whether he means it or if he's just geeing us up. Nothing would surprise me with him, though.

Having said that, I think the manager would find it very hard to improve the squad player-wise. The four new boys have given the rest of us a big jolt and apart from the class they've brought to the club, the main difference from last season is that everyone is far more on his toes as far as team selection is concerned.

Last season the Championship was a two-club race between Aston Villa and Ipswich. I wouldn't necessarily say the overall standard is lower this time round because more teams are involved.

I'd say there are more good teams. Tottenham, for instance, are no longer a "good bet in the Cup." More than any other team I think they'll benefit from the three-points ruling.

BESTOF UNITED STILLTO COME



Tottenham's Graham Roberts.

Spurs' style is to attack and because of this they tend either to win or lose — as the League table will prove. And as Spurs will win more games than they'll lose they'll be picking up a lot of 'extra' points.

Ray Clemence has been a steadying influence on the team. The early line influence on the team.

Ray Clemence has been a steadying influence on the team. The early criticism of him was ridiculous and he's proved he is still a goalkeeper of the highest quality.

I like the look of the two lads at

I like the look of the two lads at the back, particularly Graham Roberts, who's as brave as they come. To win the title you need a little luck and Spurs have had that. When Garth Crooks was injured Mark Falco stepped in and scored something like a goal-a-game until he, too was injured . . . by which time Garth was fit again.

Aston Villa, on the other hand, are finding that being Champions isn't easy and they've not had their share of luck. They took a while to get going this season and although the players who have come in for Gary Shaw and others did their job, they haven't been quite as effective as Spurs' youngsters.

Solid

Everyone wants to beat Villa now and they don't seem quite as solid as they did when they won the Championship. Even so, I think they'll do even better in the European Cup.

Ipswich are up there without hitting top form. Like Villa, everyone's
gunning for them now and they've
had a few problems. John Wark
couldn't have expected to score 30odd goals again this season and
Paul Mariner's had a lean spell.
But Ipswich will be there or there-

But Ipswich will be there or thereabouts again because they have so many top class players.

If Spurs are benefiting from Ray Clemence, then Liverpool are missing him — and I mean no disrespect to Bruce Grobbelaar. Ray "United deserved the three points we gained at Anfield this season".

has the sort of experience you can't get overnight.

We've won on our last two visits to Anfield. Last season we had two attacks and won — this season we deserved our three points.

deserved our three points.

Ron Atkinson pulled off a master stroke by playing Stevie Coppell in a different role, preventing Phil Neal from being the springboard for so many Liverpool attacks.

Phil uses the ball so well for Liverpool, but he couldn't this time and The Reds were forced to change their plans.

I hate to say this . . . but when we led 1-0 we made the mistake of going for another goal instead of playing a more cautious game. We paid the penalty, literally, although Liverpool seem to have the luck when it comes to penalties.

Different

Anyway, Arthur Albiston won the day, although I wouldn't write off Liverpool. I think the team that finishes the season will be a little different from the one that's played so far, with one or two new arrivals and youngsters claiming regular places.

Forest are going through a transitional period, with a lot of team changes. They're still just behind the leaders, though, and they're a very difficult side to beat, which will ensure some degree of success.

This Saturday (November 28th) we face one of the surprise teams of the season, Brighton. Mike Bailey sold Mark Lawrenson to Liverpool and with the fee bought a lot of good players — Jimmy Case, Tony Grealish, Steve Gatting and Sammy Nelson.

I didn't expect them to be doing quite so well and the game at Old Trafford will be a tough one, especially as Andy Ritchie loves to score against his old club.

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T 35, you'd think I was a bit too old to start believing in fairy stories," says Bobby Gould. "But there's no other way that I can describe the events which led up to my appointment as manager of Bristol Rovers at the end of October.

"When I joined the ever increasing ranks of the unemployed last summer, after being sacked as assistant manager at Chelsea, it really was the rock bottom of a football career which had spanned almost 20 years.
"I felt as if I'd been tossed on the

scrap heap - not wanted by anyone. There was a glimmer of hope when I was offered the chance of making a playing comeback with Wimbledon. That was in August.

'In September, the chance to become player/coach at Aldershot meant another step back up the ladder. Then, three weeks later, came the call from Rovers.

"But the incredible thing is, when I was out of work, I sat down with my wife and two sons, and between us we decided that if I was forced to seek a living outside football, then we'd move back to Bristol, where we'd lived before, and made so many wonderful friends, and start afresh there.

friends, and start afresh there.

"From a purely playing point of view, I've got a tremendous platform to work from," enthuses Gould. "The first team players have started to get it together again after the bitter disappointment of relegation last term.

"Financially, though, things are not so bright. But then that applies to almost every club in the

to almost every club in the country.

"Having previously been a player at Eastville, my first impression on returning here was

that the fire at the ground last season was a blessing in disguise. "The club have used the insur-ance money to build new offices and better dressing rooms. And I feel the whole place seems more like a football club now.

'Difference'

"But like every other club, it costs money to run, and if there's not enough money coming in the difference has got to be met by selling players.

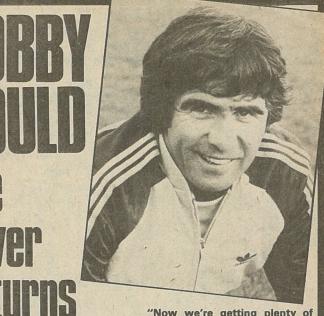
"That's not going to make my job any easier, I know. But it's something I accept as all being part of good soccer management."

It's because of Rovers' inevitable reliance on home-produced players, that Bobby is determined to

continue with his playing career albeit in the reserve side.

"Once upon a time a lad's progress to the first team was carefully measured," Gould points out. "He was brought up through the apprentice and youth sides, before going into the reserves. "Now we're getting plenty of kids as young as 16 and 17 knocking on the door.

Those lads need all the help they can get, and I feel that being out there with them, on the park, in competition for 90 minutes, they can be taught as much as they might learn in a week on the training ground."

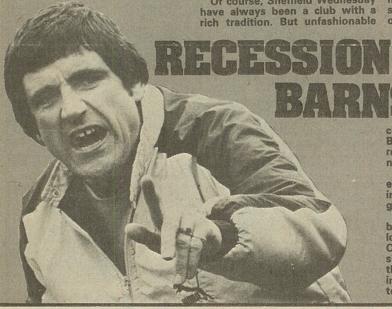


ON'T tell the football folk of South Yorkshire that there's a deep recession in the football world. The football life of that particular area of Bri-

tain seems to be smashing box office records and expectations every time there's soccer action in the area.

Of course, Sheffield Wednesday have always been a club with a Barnsley are different, a club which has struggled to throw off its image of cloth cap supporters and a ground just about as old fashioned.

Norman Hunter continues to nurture the Barnsley revival, started by Allan Clarke. And proof of that astonishing revival was "It is a credit to the way the team is playing that so many people want to see us. We haven't done badly and we play some good stuff. Folk up here know what they want; they're very knowledgeable. It's a remarkable thought that not long ago, the club was playing in front of 2,000 or 3,000 fans each week. The fans are fickle to a certain extent — but they are all over the country. They want to watch a successful side."



clear when 29,000 fans packed into Barnsley's Oakwell Ground for the recent League match against Wed-

Hunter says: "Maybe that was exceptional but we're still averaging around 12,500 fans for League

games.
"I think this is happening because the fans have waited so long for some success at Barnsley. Our average gate in the Third Division last season was 12,800 and that was tremendous. We are hoping we shall push up that average to 15,000 or more this season.

'Maintain'

Hunter knows Barnsley have done well but the club has to maintain the good work. "We have to keep it going now," he says. "This season has been a novelty because the club hasn't played Second Division football for 22

Will Barnsley fans ever see First Will Barnsley fans ever see First
Division football at the Oakwell
Ground? Hunter says: "Why not?"
We are going through a learning
period at the moment.
"Everything is going really well
for the club at this stage. What we
have to do is perhaps the hardest

keep the momentum part - going."







ingers Mi manager John Greig

F Rangers are successful in their quest for the League Cup against Dundee United in the Final at Hampden this Saturday (Nov 28) it will notch up their 72nd major domestic trophy triumph in their glorious history.

Add to that the European **Cup-Winners' Cup victory over** Moscow Dynamo in '72 and several other wins in one-off competitions and you will realise why the proud lbrox side are one of the most glamorous outfits in world soccer.

They have won the League Championship 37 times — the last occasion being in '78 — the Scottish Cup 24 times — they are the holders after last season's 4-1 replay win over Dundee United and the League Cup ten times. It's an impressive, glittering

array of success over the years, but no one at Ibrox is looking to the past to bask in those reflected glories

"You can't stand still in this game," says manager John Greig.
"The future is what it is all about and we are determined to become

the Champions again.
"I was skipper of the side when
we won it in '78 and I would dearly love to experience that feeling as manager

"Victories in the two Cup competitions are very welcome, of course but Rangers must always think big and that means the title.

When we kick-off each season that has got to be our top target

and priority.
"That's the ambition of Rangers
Football Club. We can't afford to slip from the standards we have

set for ourselves."

Rangers have come in for criticism from their disgruntled supporters this season with some erratic displays.

There were sad, lamentable cries of 'Greig must go' as Rangers slipped to a 2-0 League defeat against Partick Thistle at Ibrox, but John Greig, who never shirked his responsibilities on the field as the lbrox side's lionhearted skipper, says philosophically: "The fans pay their money and are entitled to voice their opinion.

"Obviously, though, I would prefer to see them getting behind their team when we need them

Rangers' reply to that flop against Partick Thistle was immediate. They travelled to Easter Road, where Celtic had lost

Bobby Russell (below, right) tussles for the ball with Partick's John Lapsley during Rangers' 1-0 win at Firhill.





their unbeaten League record, and beat Hibs 2-1.

"That was more like it," says Greig. "I made changes in the team that lost against Thistle simply because it was our worst performance of the season.

'We couldn't afford that again and the lads who played against Hibs showed the qualities I am

Greig will be looking for that spirit to continue flowing through his team that has stuttered this season, but as one Rangers player puts it: "Which team in the Premier Division hasn't faltered at one stage or another this term? "Celtic have gone through their

bad patch and so, too, have Aberdeen and Dundee United.

"Hopefully, we are over the

worst of our season now."
So, it's on to Hampden on
Saturday with the smell of victory
in the air around lbrox. Rangers are at their most lethal

when the chips are down . . . and that is certainly the situation this

The critics will have to shut up for a spell, anyway — if Rangers take the first trophy of the season in Scotland. John Greig and his players will welcome that breather.

 Scottish League Cup Final preview on page 31.



NCE mighty Leeds United were in the depths of depression early this season.

Manager Allan Clarke, recruited Manager Allan Clarke, recruited last season when things were on the slide, had clearly been unable to wave any magic wand at Elland Road. The problems were surely too deep for Clarke's bold prophesy: "We'll win something within three years," to come true.

But while Clarke struggles to put Leeds back on the right footing after a disastrous start which saw them bottom at one stage in the

them bottom at one stage in the First Division, Trevor Cherry was maintaining: "There isn't that

maintaining: "There isn't that much wrong.
"All Leeds lack is a big man up front to score goals and help take the pressure off others.
"We have needed someone up there for a while, and I believe that if we get the right man, it would solve a great many problems."
Leeds wanted Wolves' Scottish striker Andy Gray, but the deal stumbled and stuttered until chairman Manny Cussins said: "It is now dead."
Cherry admitted: "We haven't

Cherry admitted: "We haven't played well but failure in front of goal is the underlying cause of all our problems. It has affected the rest of the side and it has been

such a pity.
"We bought Peter Barnes to give us width and Arthur Graham, another wide player, was showing superb form. Yet we couldn't do anything with the crosses those two were supplying. It wasn't hard to see where we were falling were falling see where

Cherry, too, was unhappy.



Cherry maintains: "We are still optimistic. The boss is doing well, Clarke's decision to buy Kenny Burns from Nottingham Forest and

he knows what he wants and he is the sort of guy who will go out and get it.

"The fans have been marvellous

the rank have been marvellous in maintaining their support and I think they realise the problem. "It's hard to say exactly when we will turn the corner. Of course, it affects your confidence if you are not winning games and we won only two of our first 15 matches. "But I'm convinced that things

'But I'm convinced that things are going to improve in the near future. We are playing better already, and now we can look to start moving up the First Division table."



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Left to right: Tommy McLean, Willie Johnston, John MacDonald, Davie Cooper, Tom Forsyth, Alex Miller, Derek Johnstone, Colin McAdam, Jim Stewart, Ally Dawson, Peter McCloy, John McClelland, Colin Jackson, Gregor Stevens, Ian Redford, Sandy Jardine, Jim Bett, Bobby Russell, Billy Mackay.

Full-back Ally Dawson, who was appointed Rangers captain earlier this year.

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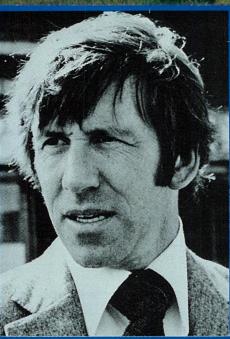
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Even the goals of young striker John MacDonald (above) have not been enough to lift the pressure from the shoulders of Ibrox manager John Greig (right).



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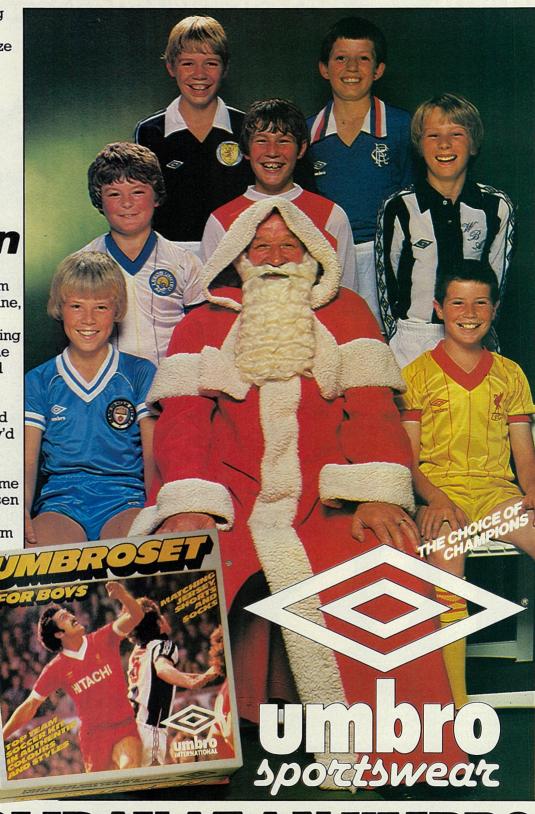
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ideal opportunity of winning the trophy when they got a penalty-kick in the 90th minute. Ian Redford, normally confident and certain, hit his spot-kick with

DUNDEE UNITED, the proud winners of the Scottish League Cup for the past two years, travel into the unknown on Saturday when they attempt a glori-ous hat-trick in the tournament against Rangers.

Quite simply, although the Tan-nadice Terrors have experienced wonderful results in recent sea-sons at home and in Europe, they have never done anything of note at Hampden, Scotland's brooding football fortress.

It hasn't been a happy hunting ground for United and, significantly, their two triumphs in the League Cup have both been at Dens Park, home of their City rivals Dundee.

Two years ago they struggled to a goalless draw against Aberdeen at Hampden in the League Cup Final. Even manager Jim McLean conceded after that game: "We were lucky. Aberdeen played well, but we got the breaks."

Because of the poor turn-out by the fans at Hampden, the replay was switched to Dens Park ... where United promptly tore Aberdeen to shreds to win 3-0 with goals from Willie Pettigrew (two) and Paul Sturrock.

Hampden was again given the ody swerve last season when United battled through to a Final



and certain, hit his spot-kick with plenty of power, but his direction was way out and goalkeeper Hamish McAlpine managed to block the effort with his feet and the ball rebounded to safety. The execution was only delayed, however, until the following Tuesday when Rangers, never in trouble, sauntered to an incredibly easy 4-1 victory. McLean is adamant there will be no repeat from his men this time

place against Dundee. It was a real

action replay of the game against

The Dons the previous season on the same ground ... United won 3-0 in emphatic, entrancing style with Sturrock (two) and Davie Dodds the marksmen.

Dodds the marksmen.

Now, though, the setting is Hampden Park and that could mean a different ball game for United although perfectionist boss Jim McLean scoffs at talk of it being a 'hoodoo ground.'

"If we go about our job properly we will win," he says. "It doesn't matter where you play. The main thing is to play to your fullest

thing is to play to your fullest potential."

United, however, must worry about their form collapse at Scotland's national stadium last sea-

son when they met Rangers in the Scottish Cup Final.

Many shrewd judges backed United to beat an inconsistent lbrox outfit.

The first game never got off the ground and ended goalless after

Rangers, in fact, threw away the

out. He points to his side's remark-

able comeback against old foes
Aberdeen in the Semi-Final.
"We lost 1-0 on our own ground
and a lot of people wrote us off,"
he says. "But we won 3-0 at Pittodrie. That result underlines our
determination to hold on to this

trophy."
Rangers have planned quietly for this encounter and manager John Greig, like his Tannadice counterpart, hasn't been blasting off with any fanciful promises.
"Yes, United are a good side," he concedes, "but, then, so are we although we may not always get the credit we deserve."
Greig doesn't over-elaborate for, like McLean, he doesn't want to show his hand too early.
John MacDonald, for instance, will find it difficult to create space. In fact, young MacDonald could become a key figure in this game, one way or another.

one way or another.

He has been accused by many rival managers this season of faking falls inside the penalty box in the hope of winning a spot-kick for

the Ibrox men.

United will be in no mood to give Rangers the freedom of Hampden and one player who is hoping he is selected to play for the Tannadice men is Eamonn Bannon, the former Chelsea reject who is playing gracefully and profitably at the moment

fitably at the moment.

"The boss, Jim McLean, has had a couple of 'goes' at me this season," says Bannon. "And, to be honest, I agree with him.

honest, I agree with him.

"I know what he is looking for from me and if I don't deliver the goods he is quite entitled to have his say. It's entirely up to me to satisfy the boss's wishes and that's exactly what I'll be aiming to do at Hampden."

Paul Sturrock, too, will be looking to maintain his own scoring run in these Cup Finals.

in these Cup Finals.

After scoring against Aberdeen and Dundee in the previous Finals it looked as though he would get no opportunity of making it a hattrick when United lost 1-0 in their Semi-Final (first-leg) against Aberdeen at Tannadice

Brilliant

Sturrock missed that game with a hand injury, but he returned for the second-leg ... and scored a brilliant equalising goal early in the game and then hit the killer goal near the end. Rangers and United are both

well aware that victory on Satur-day means certain qualification for

day means certain qualification for Europe next season via the UEFA Cup, but the minds of the managers and the players won't be thinking that far ahead.

Victory may well go to the team who is the most desperate NOT to lose. Rangers certainly come into that category . . . and for that simple reason SHOOT reckons lbrox skipper Ally Dawson will be holding aloft that trophy on Saturday. holding Saturday

HOW THEY GOT THERE

RANGERS Section Two MORTON 1, RANGERS 1 RANGERS 4, DUNDEE 1 RANGERS 8, RAITH 1 RANGERS 5, BRECHIN 0 (on agg) Semi-Finals Semi-Finals RANGERS 4 ST MIRREN 3 (on agg)

DUNDEE UTD DUNDEE UTD 4, AYR 3
DUNDEE UTD 2, PARTICK 0
MOTHERWELL 1, DUNDEE UTD 2 Quarter-Finals DUNDEE UTD 9, HAMILTON 0 (on agg) Semi-Finals DUNDEE UTD 3, ABERDEEN 1 (on agg)



Villa's Gary Williams in action during their European Cup game against Dynamo Berlin.

Wednesday, Nov 4

European Cup

(Second Round, second-leg) ASTON VILLA (0) 0 DYNAMO BERLIN (1) 1 (Terletzki)

Villa: Rimmer, Swain, Gibson, Evans, Williams, Mortimer, Bremner, Shaw, Withe, Cowans, Morley.

(2-2. Villa win on away goals)

LIVERPOOL (1) 3 (McDermott pen, Rush,

AZ 67 (0) 2 (Kist, Thompson (og)) 29,703 Liverpoel: Grobbelaar, Neal, Lawrenson, Thompson, Kennedy (R), Hansen, Dalglish, Whelan, Rush, McDer-29.703 (Liverpool win 5-4 on agg)

Cup-Winners' Cup

(Second Round, second-leg)
TOTTENHAM (0) 1 (Crooks) DUNDALK (0) 0 33,455
Tottenham: Clemence, Perryman, Miller, Roberts,
Hughton, Hoddle, Ardiles, Hazard, Archibald, Crooks,

(Tottenham win 2-1 on agg)

U.E.F.A. CUP

(Second Round, second-leg) ARGES PITESTI (2) 2 (Radu, Barbulescu). ABERDEEN (0) 2 (Strachan pen, Hewitt) 16,000 Aberdeen: Leighton, Kennedy, Rougvie, Cooper, McLeish, Watson, Miller, Strachan, McGhee, McMas-ter (Hewitt), Weir. (Aberdeen win 5-2 on agg)

SPORTING LISBON 0 SOUTHAMPTON 0 50,000 Southampton: Katalinic, Baker (S), Holmes, Williams, Nicholl, Agboola, Keegan, Channon, Moran, Lawrence (Wallace) Ball. (Sporting win 4-2 on agg)

Second Division

CARDIFF (1) 3 (Micallef, Lewis, Stevens) WREXHAM (1) 2 (Maddy (og), Carrodus) 4,625
Cardiff: Grotier, Jones, Gilbert, Maddy, Bennett (G),
Dwyer, Bennett (D), Micallef, Stevens, Hughes, Lewis.
Wrexham: Niedzwiecki, Hill, Bates, Dowman,
Cegielski, Ronson, Cartwright, Hunt, McNeil, Vinter,
Carrodus.

Third Division

EXETER (1) 1 (Roberts)	100
OXFORD (0) 2 (Thomas 2)	3,349
LINCOLN (1) 1 (Shipley) PRESTON (2) 2 (Buckley, Elliott)	3,587
READING 0	

4,057

Fourth Division

7.805

4.512

BLACKPOOL (0) 1 (Blair)

BRADFORD (1) 1 (Black pen) PORT VALE (0) 0 4.043 HARTLEPOOL (1) 1 (Houchen) CREWE (2) 2 (Linacre (og), Palios) 2.338 HEREFORD 0 STOCKPORT 0 2,350 PETERBOROUGH (2) 7 (Cooke, Gynn, Smith, Massey, Syrett 3)
ALDERSHOT (1) 1 (Sanford) WIGAN (0) 2 (Barrow, Watson) DARLINGTON (1) 1 (Walsh)

Friday, November 6

Third Division

DONCASTER (0) 1 (Warboys) HUDDERSFIELD (1) 2 (Kennedy, Laverwick)

Saturday, November 7

First Division

ASTON VILLA (0) 0
ARSENAL (2) 2 (Rix, Talbot)
Villa: Rimmer, Swain, Gibson, Evans, Williams, Mortimer, Bremner, Shaw (Blair), Withe, Cowans, Morley,
Arsenal: Jennings, Devine, Sansom, Talbot, O'Leary,
Whyte, Hollins, Vaesson, Davis, Nicholas, Rix.

BRIGHTON (0) 1 (Robinson)
BIRMINGHAM (1) 1 (Evans)
Brighton: Moseley, Shanks, Williams, Grealish, Foster,
Gatting, Case, Ritchie (Thomas), Robinson, McNab,

Brith.

Birmingham: Coton, Van den Hauwe, Handyside, Curbishley, Hawker, Todd, Brocken, Evans, Worthington, Gemmill, Van Mierlo.

IPSWICH (0) 2 (Mariner, Muhren) IPSWICH (0) 2 (Mariner, Municil) SWANSEA (1) 3 (Curtis, Latchford, Stanley) 24,190

lpswich: Cooper, Mills, McCall, Thijssen, Osman, Butcher, Wark, Muhren, Mariner, Brazil, Gates.
Swansea: Davies, Robinson, Stanley, Rajkovic, Irwin, Stevenson, Curtis, James (R), James (L), Mahoney,

LEEDS (1) 1 (Butterworth) NOTTS CO (0) 0 19,552 Leeds: Lukic, Hird, Gray (F), Stevenson, Hart, Cherry, Gray (E), Graham, Butterworth, Hamson, Barnes.
Netts Co: Avramovic, Benjamin, O'Brien, Hunt, Kilcline, Richards, Chiedozie, Masson, McCulloch, Christie EVERTON (0) 1 (Ferguson) 48,861 Liverpool: Grobbelaar, Neal, Lawrenson, Thompson, Kennedy (R), Hansen, Dalglish, Whelan, (Johnson), Rush, McDermott, Souness. Everton: Arnold, Stevens, Bailey, Higgins, Lyons, Lodge, McMahon, O'Keefe, Ferguson, Ainscow (Biley). 48,861

MAN. CITY (2) 3 (Francis, Reeves, Tueart pen) MIDDLESBROUGH (1) 2 (Angus, Thomson) 32 025

Man City: Corrigan, Ranson, McDonald, Reid, Bond, Caton, Tueart, Reeves, Francis, Hartford, Power (Hutchison). Middlesbrough: Platt, Craggs, Nattrass, Angus, Bax-ter, McAndrew, Cochrane, Otto, Woof, Shearer,

NOTTM FOREST 0 WEST HAM 0 26,327
Nottm For: Shilton, Anderson, Gunn, McGovern, Needham, Aas (Walsh), Gray, Wallace, Fashanu, Proc-

West Ham: Parkes, Stewart, Lampard, Allen (Brush), Martin, Devonshire, Neighbour, Goddard, Cross,

SOUTHAMPTON (1) 2 (Armstrong, Keegan pen) 13,864 pen) 13,864 Stoke: Fox, Evans, O'Callaghan, Smith, Hampton, Grif-fiths, Bracewell, Dodd, Maguire (Johnson), Heath, Chapman. Southampton: Katalinic, Golac, Nicholl, Waldron, Holmes, Williams, Ball, Armstrong, Channon, Keegan,

SUNDERLAND (1) 1 (Cummins) MAN UTD (1) 5 (Moran, Robson, Stapleton 2, Birtles) 27,070 Birtles) Sunderland: Siddall, Venison, Munro, Bowyer, Clarke, Sunderland: Stadani, Venisori, Month, Bowley, Calley, Elliott, Arnott, Rowell, West, Pickering, Cummins. Man Utd: Bailey, Gidman (Duxbury), Albiston, Wilkins, Moran, Buchan, Robson, Birtles, Stapleton, Moses, Coppell.

TOTTENHAM (1) 1 (Crooks)
WEST BROM (2) 2 (Hughton (og), Jol) 32,436
Tottenham: Clemence, Price, Miller, Roberts, Hughton,
Perryman, Ardiles (Lacy), Hazard, Archibald, Crooks,

West Brom: Grew, Batson (King), Wile, Robertson, Statham, Whitehead, Jol, Owen, Mackenzie, Regis,



Martin Jol of West Brom.

WOLVES (0) 1 (Eves) COVENTRY (0) 0 COVENTRY (0) 0

Nolves: Bradshaw, Palmer, Parkin, Matthews, Berry,
Brazier, Birch, Daniel, Eves, Richards, Atkinson.

Coventry: Blyth, Thomas, Roberts, Jacobs, Dyson,
Gillespie, Kaiser, Daly, Thompson, Whitton, Hunt.

Second Division

BARNSLEY (1) 3 (Banks 2, Parker)
OLDHAM (0) 1 (Heaton)
14,918
Barnsley: Horn, Joyce, Chambers, Cooper, Banks,
McCarthy, Evans, Parker, Aylott, McHale, Campbell. 14,918 Oldham: McDonnell, Hoolickin, Edwards, Keegan, Cle-ments, Futcher, Wylde (McDonough), Heaton, Steel,

BOLTON (1) 2 (Henry, Thompson)

WATFORD (0) 0 7,066

Bolton: McDonagh, Whitworth, Jones, Gowling, Bennett, Chandler, Henry, Cantello, Hoggan, Kidd,

Thompson.
Watford: Sherwood, Rice, Sims, Bolton, Pritchett,
Callaghan, Taylor, Jackett, Blissett, Jenkins (Arm-strong), Barnes.

CAMBRIDGE (1) 2 (Mayo 2) SHREWSBURY (0) 0 Cambridge: Webster; Donaldson, Murray, Turner (Streete), Fallon, O'Neill, Finney, Spriggs, Mayo, Gib-

Shrewsbury: Wardle, Leonard (McLaren), Johnson, Petts, Griffin, Keay, Tong, Dungworth, Atkins, Biggins,



Newcastle scorer Chris Waddle (stripes).

CARDIFF (0) 1 (Bennett)
NORWICH (0) 0 5,704
Cardiff: Grotier, Jones, Bennett (G), Thomas, Gilbert,
Maddy, Hughes, Lewis, Micallef, Stevens, Bennett,
Morwich: Woods, Symonds, Watson, Walford,
Donachie, Haylock, Mendham, McGuire, Bennett, Jack,

CHARLTON (1) 1 (Walsh) LEICESTER (1) 4 (Melrose, Lynex pen, Lineker Charlton: Johns, Navlor, Dickinson (Ferns), Gritt, McAl-Lister, Phillips, Elliott, Walsh, Hales, Madden, Robinson, Leicester: Wallington, Williams, Leet, MacDonald, Scott, O'Neill, Lynex, Melrose, Lineker, Wilson, Robson

NEWCASTLE (0) 1 (Waddle) 16,509
Chelsea: Borota, Wilkins, Hutchings, Britton, Pates, Chivers, Rhodes-Brown, Bumstead, Lee, Walker,

Fillery.

Newcastle: Carr, Brownlie, Carney, Haddock, Saunders, Walker, Martin, Wharton, Brown, Varadi (Pugh),

C. PALACE (0) 1 (Cannon pen)
BLACKBURN (2) 2 (Garner 2)
Palace: Barron, Bason, Lovell, Murphy (Hilaire), Cannon, Gilbert, Galliers, Smillie, Mabbutt, Langley, Price.
Blackburn: Gennoe, Branagan, Rathbone, Stonehouse,
Keeley, Fazackerley, Miller, Burke, Lowey, Garner,
Brotherston.

LUTON (1) 3 (Moss, Goodyear, Donaghy)
DERBY (0) 2 (Osgood, Clayton)
10,784
Luton: Findlay, Stephens, Goodyear, Donaghy, Aizlewood, Horton, Hill, Fuccillo, Stein, White, Moss.
Derby: Jones, Coop, Powell (3), Sheridan, Buckley,
Powell (8), Hector, Reid (Osgood), Emson, Clayton,

ORIENT (1) 3 (Margerrison, Sussex, Silkman) SHEFF WED (0) 0 SHEFF WED (0) 0 5,179
Orient: Day, Hughton, Fisher, Taylor (T), Gray, Sussex,
Godfrey, Silkman, Taylor (P), Margerrison, McNeil.
Sheff Wed: Bolder, Sterland, Williamson, Smith, Shirtliff, Taylor (K), Megson, Mirocevic, Bannister, Pearson,
Curren

Q.P.R. (0) 1 (Flanagan)
ROTHERHAM (1) 1 (Francis (og))
QPR: Burride, Gregory, Fenwick, Waddock, Hazell,
Roeder, Francis (Sealy), Flanagan, Burke, Stainrod, Rotherham: Mountford, Forest, Breckin, Rhodes, Stancliffe, Green, Towner, Gooding, Moore, Fern,

WREXHAM (0) 2 (McNeil 2 (1 pen)) GRIMSBY (0) 0 3,351 Wrexham: Niedzwiecki, Hill, Bater, Dowman, Cegielski, Ronson, Hunt, Cartwright (Edwards), McNeil, Vinter, Carcodus Carrodus.

Grimsby: Batch, Moore (D), Crombie, Brolly, Wigginton, Moore (K), Ford, Kilmore, Whymark, Mitchell, Cumming (Beacock).

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Third Division	
BRISTOL CITY (0) 1 (Harford)	6,760
BRISTOL ROVERS (0) 2 (Randall, Curle) GILLINGHAM (0) 0	5,518
BURNLEY (1) 2 (Hamilton, Overson) WIMBLEDON (0) 2 (Lazarus, Clement)	4,231
CARLISLE (0) 1 (Robson) FULHAM (2) 2 (Davies, Coney)	4,385
CHESTERFIELD (0) 2 (Henderson, Winds OXFORD (0) 2 (Thomas, Briggs)	ridge) 5,295
EXETER (1) 4 (Kellow 2 (1 pen), Rogers, P READING (2) 3 (Kearney, Heale 2)	ullar) 3,765
PLYMOUTH 0 PORTSMOUTH 0	6,275
PRESTON (0) 0 CHESTER (1) 1 (Storton)	5,181
SOUTHEND (0) 0 LINCOLN (0) 2 (Cockerill, Shipley)	5,016
SWINDON (1) 1 (Rowland) MILLWALL (1) 2 (Massey, Hayes)	5,710
WALSALL (2) 3 (O'Kelly 3 (1 pen)) NEWPORT (0) 1 (Oakes)	4,169
Fourth Division	
ALDERSHOT (0) 1 (Lucas) BURY (0) 2 (Madden, Cruickshank)	2,164
PORT VALE (0) 1 (Moss)	5,798
DARLINGTON (1) 2 (Mitchell, Speedie)	1 556

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ALDERSHOT (0) 1 (Lucas) BURY (0) 2 (Madden, Cruickshank)	2,164
BOURNEMOUTH (1) 1 (Spackman) PORT VALE (0) 1 (Moss)	5,798
DARLINGTON (1) 2 (Mitchell, Speedie) STOCKPORT (0) 0	1,556
HALIFAX (2) 2 (Evans, Allatt) MANSFIELD (0) 1 (Caldwell)	1,447
HULL (1) 2 (Mutrie, Roberts) COLCHESTER (1) 3 (Bremner, McDonou	gh 2) 3,040
PETERBOROUGH (2) 3 (Hodgson, Kellock)	Syrett,
BLACKPOOL (0) 1 (McEwan pen)	5,442
SCUNTHORPE (0) 0 YORK (2) 3 (Ford, Walwyn 2)	1,622
SHEFF UTD (1) 2 (Edwards, Hatton) TRANMERE (0) 0	13,454
WIGAN (0) 1 (Barrow) HEREFORD (1) 1 (White)	4,715

Scottish Premier

CELTIC (1) 2 (McGarvey, McCluskey)
ABERDEEN (0) 1 (Strachan)
Celtic: Bonner, Moyes, Reid, Aitken, McAdam,

McLeod,	Provan,	Sullivan,	McGarvey,	Burns	(Conroy),
McCluske	ey.				

Aberdeen: Leighton, Kennedy, Cooper, Watson (Hewitt), McLeish, Miller, Strachan, Simpson, McGhee, Black (McMaster), Weir.

DUNDEE UTD (0) 3 (Kirkwood, Dodds 2)

Dundee Utd: McAlpine, Holt, Murray, Gough (Gibson), Hegarty, Narey, Bannon, Milne, Kirkwood, Sturrock (Riley), Dodds.

Morton: Baines, Hayes, Holmes, Rooney, McLaughlin, Orr, McNeil, Docherty, Cochrane, Hutchison, Ritchie.

HIBS (1) 1 (Rae) RANGERS (1) 2 (Bett 2)

Hibs: McArthur, Sneddon, Schaedler, Brazil, Paterson, Rae, Callaghan, MacLeod, Murray, Duncan, Flavell. Rangers: McCloy, Jardine, Black, Forsyth, Jackson, Bett, Cooper, Russell, Johnstone, Redford, MacDonald

PARTICK (0) 1 (Johnstone)
DUNDEE (0) 2 (Mackie 2)
Partick: Rough, Murray, Lapsley, Dunlop, Whittaker,
Watson, Park, McDonald, Johnstone, Doyle, Clark,

Dundee: Geddes, Barr, Cameron, Fraser, MacDonald, Glennie, Bell, Mackie, McGeachie, Ferguson, Murphy (Fleming).

ST MIRREN (0) (Stark)
AIRDRIE (0) 1 (Flood)
4,853
St Mirren: Thomson, Young, Beckett, McCormack,
Copeland, Abercrombie, Logan, Stark, Bone, McAven-

nie, Scanlon.

Airdrie: Davidson, Erwin, Rodger, Walker, March,
Anderson, McKeown, Clark, Flood, Gordon, McGuire.

Scottish First DUMBARTON (0) 1 (McGowan) 500 **DUNFERMLINE (0) 2 (McNaughton 2)** EAST STIRLING (0) 1 (Edgar) 1,300 FALKIRK (1) 1 (Oliver A) RAITH (1) 2 (Ballantyne) HAMILTON (1) 1 (Craig) AYR (0) 0 1500 KILMARNOCK 0 HEARTS 0 3,400 QUEEN'S PARK (0) 0 MOTHERWELL (1) 1(McLaughlin) 2600 ST JOHNSTONE (0) 1 (Morton) CLYDEBANK (2) 3 (Millar 2, McKeown) **Scottish Second** ALBION (0) 0 MONTROSE (2) 2 (Allan, Murray) 200 ALLOA 0 STIRLING 0 800 ARBROATH (3) 4 (Yule 2, Robb, Shaw) STRANRAER (0) 1 (Sweeney) 488

Celtic (hoops) beat Aberdeen 2-1.



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	BRECHIN (2) 3 (Campbell, Mackie, Leslie) MEADOWBANK (0) 0	500
	CLYDE (0) 1 (Reilly)	1000
	COWDENBEATH (1) 1 (McFarland)	456
	FAST FIFE (0) 3 (Scott 2 O'Brien)	

Sunday, November 8

STENHOUSEMUIR (1) 2 (Murray, Meakin) 339

Fourth Division

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NORTHAMPTON (0) 3 (Phillips, Saxby, CREWE (0) 0	Brady) 2,794
BRADFORD (1) 1 (Jackson) HARTLEPOOL (0) 0	5,753
ROCHDALE (0) 1 (Goodwin) TORQUAY (0) 0	1,790

Tuesday, Nov. 10

League Cup

(Third Round)

ARSENAL (1) 1 NORWICH (0) 0 1 (Nicholas) Arsenal: Jennings, Hollins, Sansom, Talbot, O'Leary, Whyte, McDermott, Sunderland (Meade), Davis,

Nicholas, Rix. Norwich: W Norwich: Woods, Symonds, Donachie (Muzinic), McGuire, Walford, Watson, Shepherd, Haylock, Jack, Mendham Bennett

BARNSLEY (2) 4 (Glavin, McCarthy, Aylott 2) BRIGHTON (1) 1 (Gatting) 19,534 Barnsley: Horn, Joyce, Chambers, Glavin, Banks, McCarthy, Evans, Parker, Aylott, McHale, Barrow-

Brighton: Moseley, Shanks, Nelson, Grealish, Foster, Gatting, Case, Ritchie (Stevens), Robinson, McNab,

IPSWICH (1) 1 (Wark)
BRADFORD (0) 1 (Watson)
13,094
Ipswich: Cooper, Burley, Mills, Thijssen, Osman,
Butcher, Wark, Muhren, Mariner, Brazil, Gates.
Bradford: Ramsbottom, Podd, Watson, Ingham, Jackson, Wood, Gallagher, Black, Campbell, McNiven, Ellis.

LIVERPOOL (1) 4 (Sheedy, Rush, Johnson 2)
MIDDLESBROUGH (0) 1 (Shearer) 16,145
Liverpool: Grobbelaar, Neal, Lawrenson, Thompson,
Sheedy, Hansen, Dalglish, Johnson, Rush, McDermott,

Souness.

Middlesbrough: Platt, Craggs, Nattrass, Angus, Baxter, McAndrew, Cochrane, Otto, Woof, Shearer, Bolton.

OLDHAM (1) 1 (Steel) OLDHAM (1) 1 (Wilson) 6,619

FULHAM (0) 1 (Wilson) 6,619

Oldham: McDonnell, Hoolickin, Edwards, Keegan, Clements, Futcher, McDonagh, Heaton, Steel, Palmer,

Atkinson. Fulham: Peyton, Hopkins, Strong, O'Driscoll, Brown, Gale, Davies, Wilson, Coney, O'Sullivan, Lewington.

QPR (2) 3 (Flanagan, Stainrod, Allen) BRISTOL CITY (0) 0 DRIS Burridge, Gregory, Fenwick, Wilkins, Hazell, Roeder, Micklewhite, Flanagan, Allen, Stainrod, Gillard. Bristol City: Moller, Stevens, Williams, Aitken, Rod-gers, Boyle, Tainton, Mann, Harford, Devine, Musker.

TRANMERE (1) 1 (Hutchinson)
COLCHESTER (0) 0
7,502
Tranmere: Endersby, Mungall, Burgess, Craven,
Bramhall, Williams, Hamilton, Morley, Hutchinson,

Colchester: Walker, Cooke, Coleman, Leslie, Wignall, Wright, Rowles, Bremner, Osborne, McDonough, Allinson

WATFORD (1) 2 (Jackett, Blissett pen)
LINCOLN (2) (Turner (W), Shipley) 12,198
Watford: Sherwood, Rice, Pritchett, Taylor, Terry,
Bolton, Callaghan, Blissett, Armstrong, Jackett,

Lincoln: Naylor, Turner (P), Turner (W), Carr, Peake, Thompson, Shipley, Cockerill, Bell, Cunningham,

WEST HAM (1) 2 (Stewart pen, Cross)
24,168 WBA (2) 2 (Regis, King) 24,168
West Ham: Parkes, Brush, Lampard, Stewart, Martin,
Devonshire, Neighbour, Goddard, Cross, Brooking,

WBA: Grew, Arthur, Statham, King, Wile, Robertson, Jol, Brown, Regis, Owen, Mackenzie.

Saturday, November 28th

Arsenal v Everton

EVERTON have collected only one point from their last five visits to Highbury — that was in a 2-2 draw in 1978-79.

Their most recent League win on this ground was in March, 1975, when Martin Dobson and Mike Lyons got their goals in a 2-0

At home and away Everton have lost their last four games with

Arsenal.

Villa v Forest

FOREST make their 40th League visit to Aston Villa on Saturday hoping to improve on their tally of only seven wins and six draws in this series to date.

Last season Forest were well beaten 2-0, but the year before they lost only by the odd goal in five, while they won the two previous League games at Villa Park thanks largely to the marksman-ship of Tony Woodcock.

Ipswich v Man. City

MANCHESTER CITY have no liking for the Portman Road ground, having won there only once in 16 League visits and lost the last six in a row. Indeed, they have only once managed more than a single goal on this ground, which was when they gained a solitary 4-2 victory way back in August, 1961. City's only goal in their last five League visits came from Barry Silkman three seasons ago.

Liverpool v Southampton

THREE points from 13 League visits, that's Southampton's unhappy record at Anfield. A solitary goal from George O'Brien gained them two points on this ground in August, 1960 (their first-ever League visit) and a goal by Phil Boyer earned them the other point in a 1-1 draw in January, 1980.

The goals tally in these 13 League clashes at Anfield is 22 to

Liverpool and six to Southampton. Kevin Keegan will be hoping to do better than last season's visit when Saints lost 2-0!

Swansea v Birmingham

SWANSEA have so far beaten Birmingham three times in 14 League meetings, and the last Swansea player to score a goal against The Blues was Terry Medwin in a 3-1 defeat in December, 1953. That is the only goal scored by Swansea in their last six League meetings with Birmingham.

However, Swansea are quite a different proposition these days and the visitors will have a difficult task adding to their run of victories over the Welsh club.



PAUL BREITNER shot to international fame as the hard-shooting, dynamic left-back in the World Champion West Germany team of 1974. Then he announced his retirement from the national team. He missed the 1978 World Cup, and his retirement seemed to be permanent. But suddenly, last year, he told Jupp Derwall that he'd be willing to re-appear, and he made his second debut against Austria in Hamburg. Now he seems all set to lead the Germans' assault in next summer's World Cup. Meanwhile, wayward star Bernd Schuster has rocked the boat by vowing never to play for his country as long as Breitner is in the team, "because he gives orders to everyone, including Derwall."

Here's how Breitner, 30, himself describes the turn of events.

JAX TOPS

SINCE they introduced their professional First Division 25 years ago, only five Dutch clubs have given continuous service and Ajax have been the most successful:

		Goals	3
	PldWon Pts	For	Agst
Ajax	834 5401226	2108	916
Fevenoord	834 5031193	1948	883
PSV	834 4251050	1689	1039
FC Twente Sparta	834 378 969	1456	1119
(Rotterdam)	834 339 920	1368	1106

Thief sues club

UNUSUAL incident in Chile, when a thief was spotted leaving the Magallanes' dressing-room with a bag full of the players' wallets and watches. The players were out on the pitch

playing a training match, but a group of club employees gave chase to the thief and finally caught him after a hair-raising pursuit across the roof of the main stand.

After recovering the booty, the pursuers decided to let the culprit off with a beating, but the thief has now responded by laying charges against the club employees for 'assaulting a peaceful and innocent football fan

del'VE often explained why I decided to abandon the national team. We were on top of the world in 1974, but when I signed for Real Madrid the first thing Gunter Netzer told me when I arrived in Spain was that I could forget the national team because Real were loathe to release

people.

Even so I turned out for two matches in 1975, but both Gunter and I had a terrible match against Greece, and got a terrific slating from the Press. That's when I phoned Helmut Schoen and told him to leave me out.

'Not bothered'

Even when I went back to Germany in 1977 to join Eintracht Brunswick, the thought of rejoining the national team didn't even cross my mind.

Sometimes I didn't even bother to watch the comment IV Bruthe time the 1978

Sometimes I didn't even bother to watch their games on TV. By the time the 1978 World Cup came round I hadn't changed my mind, and I was sure we were heading for a fiasco in Argentina.

Really the turning point didn't come till last year, when I saw the West Germany-Argentina match and met Jupp Derwall.

For the first time I felt really interested, and this feeling was reinforced by the European Championship in Italy last summer.

So I thought that if I fancied going back, it was up to me to make the first move. I phoned Derwall, and he told me he'd bear

To tell you the truth, I was shocked to be called up for the Austria game so soon, and I think the German public was stunned too.

Another factor is that I'd regard the 1982
World Cup as a fitting way to bow out, especially as it's being played in Spain, which I regard it as my second home.
Anyway, I plan to retire at 32, when my current contract with Bayern Munich

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In Argentina the team only had strength and stamina to offer, but now players like Hrubesch, Briegel and Rummenigge have made a lot of progress.

I wouldn't have dreamed of returning to the 1978 team, but this line-up is worth

Just the ... job

SPANISH club Español decided that they needed reinforcements in the defence, and after a few trials reached the conclusion that Jaen full-back Job was just the job.
Job was delighted to find a job in the First Division, and he didn't have much of a job to nail down a place in the first team.
He made his debut in the away match against Betis, but Job had a job to keep tabs on rival winger Rincón and was sent finally sent off after a punch-up, leaving his team to make the best of a bad job with ten men.

ten men. The subsequent suspension means that Español will be Jobless for the next two weeks . . .



Compiled by CHRIS DAVIES

IF you mean about the cost of following your team to away games, just spare a thought for the fans of Spanish club Las Palmas.

Even though they only play 17 away fix-tures, compared with English clubs' 21 or 23, they clock up 46,700 miles per season!

RECORD

THE 40,376 fans who turned up to watch the Marseille-Toulouse match set a new record for attendance at a Second Division match in the French League.

What's more, it's the highest attendance figure registered at any French match this year, and Marseille's average home gate this season of 19,517 is only beaten by two First Division clubs — Paris St. Germain (26,400) and Bordeaux (19,930).

BARCELONA'S West German star Bernd Schuster likes to be different even when it comes to naming his children! Bernd and Gaby have just celebrated the

birth of their second son.

The first was named David Benjamin, and the new arrival has been named . . . Benjamin David! What makes you think the two names might be popular in the Schuster household!

DISAPPEARING PLAYERS

STRANGE things are happening at Boca Juniors, even forgetting the Argentine club's problems-in raising the cash for Maradona; the manager's heart attack; the rows among the directors; and the busty blonde who advertises the club's lottery.

Amid all this Boca have been slow to

notice that two of the club's veteran players, full-back Vicente Pernia and winger Ernesto Mastrángelo, have simply disappeared. Neither has shown up training

Sheffield Utd. just missed Maradona

MARADONA TO SHEFFIELD UNITED MARADONA TO SHEFFIELD UNITED FOR £450,000! Don't laugh — this almost happened in 1978, when Diego Maradona (left) was still virtually unknown to British fans, according to revelations made by the Argentinos Juniors' President Prospero Consoli.

Argentinos are currently in dispute with Boca Juniors about Maradona's 10

million dollar move from one club to the other, and during the proceedings Consoli recalled: "I nearly lost Maradona in 1978. I went to Spain to sort out Jorge Lopez's transfer to Burgos, and I left the running of Argentinos in the hands of Tesone.

"When I returned to Argentina I found that he'd sold Diego and Carlos Fren to Sheffield United for 800,000 dollars. It's lucky that I came back when I did — just in time to cancel the entire operation."

The Blades' fans won't believe how near they came to getting world Number One Maradona instead of Alex Sabella



16 only for Colombia?

EVERY WEEK there seem to be more rumours that Colombia will back out of organising the 1986 World Cup Finals

organising the 1986 world cup rinals —
many of them coming from the
Brazilians, who are keen to get their
hands on the event.
There's certainly a good deal of
debate going on in Colombian political
circles, but F.A. secretary Adriano Tribin
has stated that the country will
definitely stage the Finals, with or

without government backing as "it' footballing event and not a political

Certainly, there's a lot of work to be done if Colombia intend to host the World Cup (but no more than in Argentina perhaps) and it seems highly unlikely that they'll be able to manage a repeat of next year's super-Finals, involving 24 teams.

A return to 16 seems inevitable.

WORLD CUP TIPS

IN a recent symposium on the forthcoming World Cup, the panel of experts were asked to predict who would play in the Final next July.

Final next July.

Geoff Hurst voted for Argentina v West
Germany; Italian defender Claudio Gentile went for Italy v West Germany;
Brazil's Roberto Falcao predicted Brazil v
West Germany; Polish veteran Grzegorz
Lato ventured Argentina v West Germany;
and Belgian star Michael Renquin (right)
fancied Argentina v Brazil. In the meantime, West Germany's manager Jupp Derwall went on record as foreseeing an
England-Spain Final.
What's more, it seems he made the pre-

What's more, it seems he made the pre-diction with a straight face . . .

Diving lessons

CHILEAN international CHILEAN international midfielder Eduardo Bonvallet has sparked off a controversy by alleging that the Peruvian referee of a friendly between Peru and Chile advised the home team's forwards to 'dive' in the Chilean area so that he could give a penalty.

Peru were losing 1-2 at the time, and that's how the scoreline stayed. Maybe the Peruvians need diving lessons!

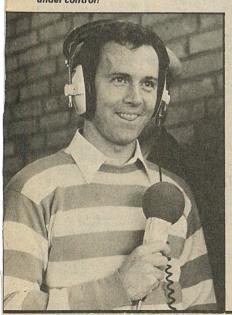
HUG-AND A BOOKING

UNUSUAL incident in the Spanish Cup match between Tarragona and

The visitors were awarded a penalty in the 42nd minute, but Rebollo blasted it high and wide. Tarragona defender Santiago was so pleased that he gave Rebollo a hug . . . and the referee promptly awarded a second penalty for

ungentlemanly conduct.
Rebollo tried again with the spot kick, and missed again.
This time Santiago kept his feelings

under control!





• INTERESTING situation in the boardroom of Spanish club Valencia. New regulations limit the number of directors permitted to 15 per club . . . and Valencia permitted to 15 per club . . . and Vale have 25. Anyone for Russian roulette?

PRICEY SOCCER



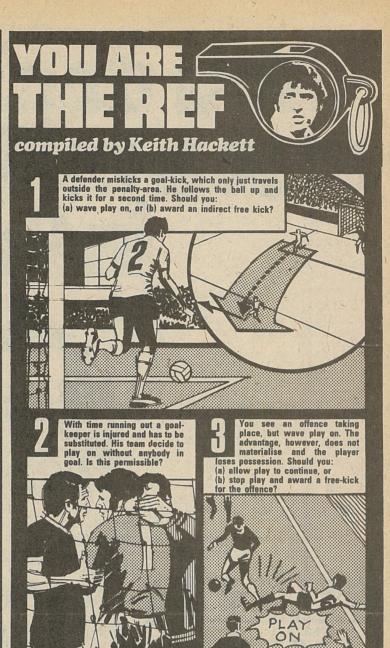
A RECENT survey of entrance fees in Spain makes interesting reading at a time when many British fans are complaining about high prices. Just take a look at this table of terrace and main stand prices in Spain's premier First Division stadiums:

Club	Terraces	Main Stand
		(seats)
Ath. Bilbao	£1.80	£7.80
At. Madrid	£3.00	£7.80
Barcelona	£4.80	£10.80
Español	£3.60	£9.50
Gijon	£3.60	£9.50
Hercules	£3.60	£9.50
Real Sociedad	£2.95	£9.00
Real Madrid	£2.40	£7.75
Sevilla	£4.80	£8.75
Valencia	£2.95	£9.00
Zaragoza	£3.60	£9.00

In most cases these figures are almost doubled for attractive games against the likes of Real Madrid, and for all European games!

Photo shows the San Mames Stadium,

******************** Hamburger SV star Franz Beckenbauer (left) is finding what life is like on the other side of the fence as a radio reporter.



MATCH POINT

THE question of dissent is one of the greatest problems facing a modern day ref, and one must question what players are hoping to achieve by disputing the referee's decisions. It is very rare that a ref is going to change his decision when a player shows dissention, and so it really is a pointless show of petulance. Often I find that captains believe that they have a right to question your decisions on behalf of team-mates, but they run just as much chance of being booked. You often find yourself keeping a closer eye on a player who continually disputes your decisions, because a player who can't control his mouth often can't control his feet either.

ANSWERS

offences. The occasional advantage does not always work out, but does not always work out, but referees have to make experienced referees strive to more experienced referees strive to more experienced referees strive to grantage and the salvantage clause.

1. Award an indirect free-kick (b). 2. No. The law states clearly that one member of the team must be a goalkeeper. 3. Allow play to controlled the stating to play the advantage whenever possible, providing the players are responding to the refractions and not escalating the scions and not escalating the

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THIRD AND FOURTH DIVISION ROUND-UP

THE big time scouts have started flocking to Bury's Gigg Lane ground again.

And the kid who is attracting them there is Craig Madden — the game's latest scoring sensation.

Well out in front in the country's scoring charts — he brought his tally to a staggering 19 at the start of November — Madden provides the commodity all the top sides are looking for . . . goals.

His efforts have thrust Bury into

His efforts have thrust Bury into the Fourth Division promotion race and have even managed to give the unfashionable little club some keep the pressure on Sheffield. And tucked in behind come a cluster of clubs all under the command of bright young bosses taking their first managerial steps.

There's Bradford City, who have Roy McFarland in charge. He, of course, was one of England's greatest ever centre-halves and one of his first tasks at Valley Parade was to reverse the trend of giving goals away.

The marvellous 1-1 draw they got in a League Cup clash at mighty Ipswich recently shows that Roy has got Bradford moving on the right lines.

And although Bournemouth have slipped off the top of the table they are still very much in contention — as new boss David Webb promised they would be.

Larry Lloyd seems to be making an impact at Wigan, who have moved quietly through the field to close up on the leaders. They've also made progress in the League Cup following their tremendous victory over Chelsea in the last round.

Life is sweet for all of these. And for Bobby Gould — recently appointed manager of Third Division Bristol Rovers.

Bury's Craig Madden (left) is the League's top scorer. Sheffield United boss Ian Porterfield (right). Action from Bournemouth's game at Stockport this season (below).



of the publicity normally reserved for their big brothers down the road in Manchester.

We suggest that Bury boss Jim lley enjoys Craig Madden while he can. For it's inevitable that all the interest will be followed by a bid from a big time outfit. And Bury are hardly in the position to turn any chance of money down.

It seems Bury will certainly have to sustain their impressive form if they hope to catch Sheffield United at the head of the table. Relegation last season dumped

Helegation last season dumped United in the Fourth Division for the first time in their history. They did not like it — and clearly intend their stay to be a brief one.

The first move they made was to appoint Ian Porterfield as manager, in succession to Martin Peters. They lured him away from nearby Rotherham — and he is making an instant impression.

United surged well clear at the top of the table, producing a brand of football that is keeping the customers happy. The Bramall Lane fans have responded to the bit of success by turning up in thousands to give the club bigger gates than most Second Division sides.

Peterborough — who narrowly missed out on promotion last season, when they finished fifth — also clearly intend to make no mistake this time round.

They have hit consistent form to



Posh pressure pressure on Blades



Gould moved in when the club surprisingly sacked Terry Cooper. We say surprising for the former Leeds and England full-back had hardly been a failure at Eastville.

Once the shock had worn off Cooper signed as a player for Doncaster to add his experience to Billy Bremner's bid to get promotion for a second successive season.

Bremner got Doncaster out of the Fourth Division last season and has now steered them to a challenging spot in Division Three, keeping the pressure on leaders Chesterfield.

Lucky

Chesterfield have suffered the agony of missing out on promotion in the last TWO seasons. They obviously intend to make it a case of third time lucky.

One man who can't be enjoying life at the moment is Hull boss Mike Smith.

He is the target of an incredible hate campaign from the Booth-ferry Park fans, who have done everything from carrying a coffin around the place to displaying banners suggesting Smith should be dumped in the Humber.

We can understand the feelings of the Hull fans, who find themselves at the wrong end of the Fourth Division. But surely they can find a less hurtful way of showing them.

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Liverpool v. Bruges 1978 F.A. CUP FINAL

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1978 LEAGUE CUP FINAL
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ICKEY Thomas (below) has revived his flagging career at Brighton after playing only ten games for Everton.

The Welsh international midfield star was transferred to the South Coast club for £400,000 after a bust-up with Everton's boss Howard Kendall.

Thomas refused to play for the reserves and Kendall wasted no

time in selling the former Manchester United player.

If Thomas's departure from Goodison Park shook the soccer world, Arsenal's decision to sign



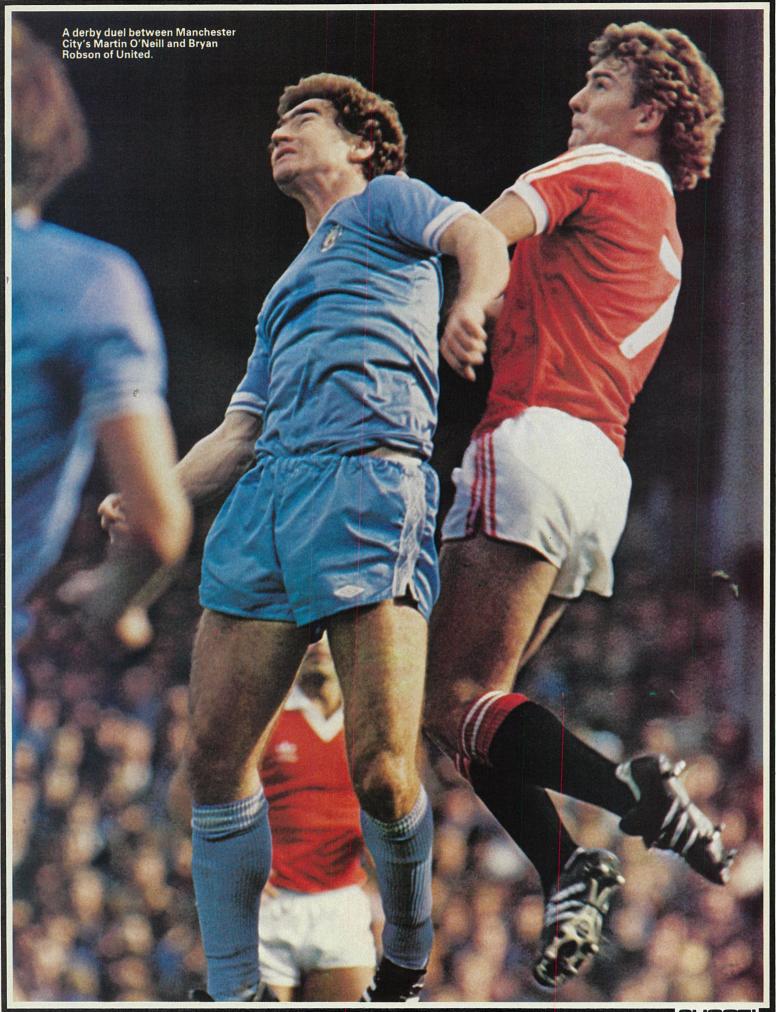
Vancouver Hankin from Whitecaps for £400,000 in mid-November was even more surprising.

Labelled a "bad boy" after a poor disciplinary record at Burnley and Leeds United, Hankin has been added to the Highbury staff with strict instructions to improve Arsenal's appalling goalscoring record this season.

The big October transfer was Bryan Robson's move from West Bromwich Albion to Manchester United for a British record fee of £1,750,000. And at the same time Robson's midfield partner at The Hawthorns, Remi Moses, also signed for United.

That double transfer through on October 1. The following day Manchester City re-signed Asa Hartford for £350,000 from Everton and later that month Leeds United captured the services of Kenny Burns from Nottingham Forest for £400,000 in a desperate attempt to shore-up their leaky defence.

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N interviewer once said A to former Celtic wizard Jimmy Johnstone that he had been well marked dur-

ing the game.

The impish Johnstone sighed and rolled up his trouser leg to display a mass of bruises. "Yes, I'm marked alright," he smiled. "I've got black and blue marks everywhere!"

That story illustrates only too well what it means to be a player who is a positive threat to the opposition. They are key men and

they come in for special treatment. Dundee United's lightning-swift Paul Sturrock is carving out a great reputation for himself at the moment with his astonishing consistency, but he suffered a hand injury this season in which he lost part of a knuckle.

Sturrock, a deadly striker, doesn't worry about the situation. He says: "It's all part and parcel of the game. I don't dwell on it. I try not to let it interfere with my game

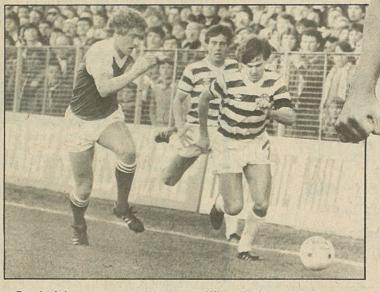
or my thinking."
Celtic and Rangers players are often in the firing line when it comes to a rival manager trying to the of their talent dangermen.

has always been an advocate of entertaining the fans. He says bluntly: "I prefer to let the opposition do the worrying. I'll let them work out our dangermen and not vice versa."

Yet Stein, too, has deployed the man-marking tactics! During his Celtic days the Parkhead men were

Scotland manager Jock Stein

drawn against AC Milan in the European Cup. Stein was given information that the Italians were going to stick a man on Bobby Murdoch, the present Middles brough boss.



Derek Johnstone recalls: "Just before Scotland went out to Argentina in 1978 I had a field day with Rangers as we won the treble in Scotland.

I scored over 40 goals and, honestly, it could have been even I remember reading before the '77 Scottish Cup Final against Hearts at Hampden how Tynecastle men had worked out a plan to prevent me from getting anywhere near their goal.
"Within a minute I had scored a

goal with my head from a Tommy McLean free-kick and I went on to net another as we triumphed 3-1.

"I always took it as a compli-ment when players lined up to guard me. I worked on the principle if there were two players looking after me it was leaving space for a colleague to utilise.

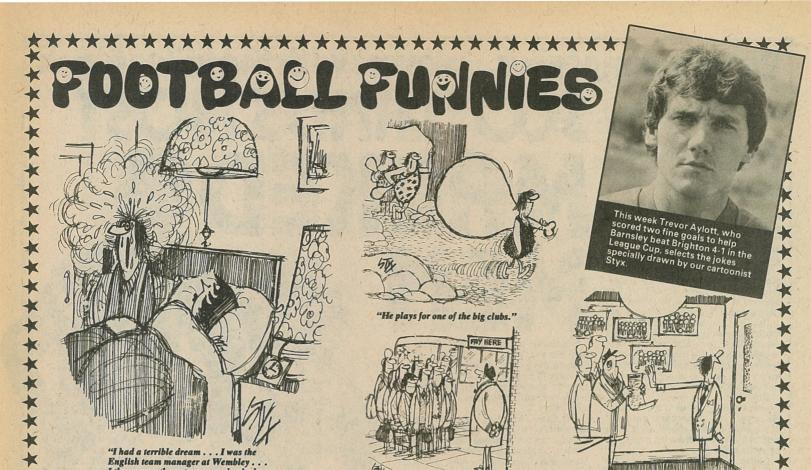
What did Stein do? He promptly told Murdoch never to wander too far from the side of another AC Milan player and two Italians found themselves marking one

McNeill is now guiding the fortunes of Charlie Nicholas and, after scoring 25 goals in his debut season last time out, it's hardly surprising that the youngster is being earmarked for the 'blanket' treatment this time around.

"I never worry about scoring goals," says cheeky Charlie. "I'm not in this game for personal glory. I just want to see Celtic winning and if I don't score and someone else does that's the way it goes."

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EE Chapman has made such rapid progress in his short First Division career that he's talking about scoring 30 goals this season.

That's double what he scored in his first full season last term. But the way he's been playing for Stoke, he now believes he can

Stoke, he now believes he can score in most games that he plays. He says: "I want to score well into the 20's this season, and my dream is to get 30. I know that will be very difficult but it's what I'm aiming for." aiming for.

One of the reasons for Chapman's goalscoring confidence is the new, attacking policy Stoke have adopted since Richie Barker

took over as manager this season. Says Chapman: "He has got a different attitude towards the game to the one held by Alan Durban. The new manager believes in getting forward and playing attractive football. "We have been creating lots of

have felt that way about me - and to be honest, I was one of them. I had my doubts, but in football you have to have confidence.

"It's always hard in the First Division and I wouldn't say it is any easier this season. But maybe I am

understanding it more.
"I am always looking to improve
and I feel that certain parts of my
game have improved since last

season. "For one thing, I'm more comfortable on the ball. I feel I can hang on to it a bit longer, which is an essential quality for a striker. Last season, I was often too

anxious to get rid of it. "Another thing that helped me to get off to such a good start this season, with nine goals from my first 11 games, was that the team

got off to a flier.

'Last season, we took a few hammerings early on, losing 5-1 and 5-0 in two of our first four games. This time, we began in great form."

Chapman has also benefited from playing up front alongside his England Under-21 colleague Adrian Heath. Heath reckons he is better in midfield but Barker is slowly convincing him that he's a striker.

Chapman is chipping in his quota of goals, too. He says: "He's great to play with. We have a good understanding and I think we will do well together.

'It's nice to have a permanent

partner up front. The way we played last season, I was often our only striker. It doesn't give you much chance when you're battling

away on your own."

Now they've proved successful at club level, Chapman and Heath would like a chance to show what would like a challed to show what they can do at full international level. "Naturally, I'm aiming for a full cap after playing in the Under-21's and I'm sure Adrian would love the chance, too.

His other immediate aim is to

help Stoke gain success.
"We were very unlucky in the
League Cup to lose to Manchester
City on penalties and we would
like to make up for that by doing
well in the F.A. Cup.

"I still think we need a couple more quality players to be a really successful team. But we're doing okay and the players are enjoying

it.
"That's particularly important
because before this season, there was a lot of discontent about the way we played. Now, even when we don't win, we're good to watch."

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chances in most of our games and that sort of attitude has got to be helpful for someone who plays in

my position.

"Of course, we also have to produce the goods if the policy is to work. We have gone through a spell where we were attacking for long periods in matches but then getting beaten.

The manager has warned us that if we keep losing out like that we might have to adopt a more defensive attitude for a

while. But fortunately, we have managed to get a couple of results to prove the style is working."

Chapman got into the Stoke first team towards the end of the 1979-80 season and did enough in his 13 games to earn a place from the start last season.

He rewarded the club with 15 League goals, more than twice as many as any other Stoke player. He also scored hat-tricks against Norwich and Leeds.

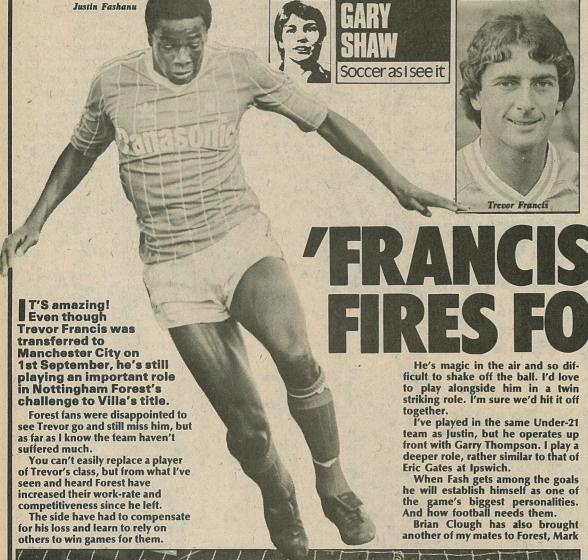
This season he expected to find things more difficult against opponents determined not to be humiliated by a young striker again. But he's actually

looking a better, more accomplished and more dangerous striker. One who is

always likely to score. "When you've only had one full season in Division One, there is always an apprehension about whether you can do it again.
"A lot of people in football must

Chapman has benefited from playing alongside Adrian Heath (stripes, left) in attack for Stoke

Aston Villav. Nottingham Forest... Aston Villav. Not



Brian Clough and Peter Taylor had gambled £1 million on buying Justin Fashanu from Norwich City to replace Francis.

Fash might not be scoring as many goals as Cloughie and Forest fans might have expected from a £1 million man, but he's been a tremendous influence on team-mates, especially John Robertson and lan Wallace.

Until Justin arrived lan was struggling to justify his £1 million price tag. Now he's a revelation and thriving on the service and freedom Justin gives him.

I saw Forest beat Birmingham City in the League Cup when Justin made two goals for Ian, something the big man isn't renowned for.

I know Justin very well and enjoy his company. As SHOOT readers will know he's a lively, friendly,

Villa's Gordon Cowans scores from the penalty spot against Forest last season.

warm-hearted character.

We've had many laughs together with the England Under-21 squads, but I haven't roomed with him yet. I refuse to.

Now in case anyone writes accusing me of a colour bar I'd better explain why. You see, I can't stand Justin's taste in music.

He's a great soul fan and is always listening to James Brown tapes. I prefer Dire Straits and Genesis.

Justin loves the discos and is a fantastic dancer. He can also dazzle 'em on the football field as defenders know only too well.

Although Justin has tremendous self-confidence he is also aware of his limitations and plays to his strengths.

Proctor from Middlesbrough.

Villa were also interested in signing Mark, but he had set his heart on joining Forest.

I was speaking to him during the summer when he was a free agent and he said then how much he fancied the experience of playing for Brian Clough and Peter Taylor.

Mark has added so much power to a well-balanced midfield. If Forest have a weakness it's in defence.

I always feel confident of scoring against them because they are square at the back and are liable to get caught out at times.

The Swiss international Einar Aas has dropped back to fill the gap left by Kenny Burns who recently signed for Leeds. Surprised me, did

But good as Aas is, I'm sure Brian Clough's priority is to sign a central defender.

Fortunately Peter Shilton is playing as well as ever, so is their vastly experienced skipper John McGovern who still doesn't receive the credit he deserves, especially from his own fans.

from his own fans.

As I write Viv Anderson's future at Forest is still in some doubt. But I know Viv doesn't really want to leave the City Ground. It was rumoured Bayern Munich had made a bid, but Viv has refuted that.

Maybe the offer of a new contract will end all the speculation.

It says a great deal for the Clough/ Taylor management that Forest are still among the favourites for Villa's title, despite the loss of Trevor Fran-

cis and the rebuilding that's been

Very few other clubs in a similar situation would have been in the same position as Forest. It normally takes a few seasons to settle a team down after changes.

Cloughie hasn't been exposed on telly too much this season. He seems to be keeping a low profile and concentrating on ensuring his new Forest stay in the hunt for honours.

In that respect he's similar to my own boss Ron Saunders. He prefers to let the team do the talking for him.

Success

I can't really say how the two men get on. I've never seen them together and Ron Saunders doesn't mention Brian Clough at Villa.

There is someone at Villa who knows Cloughie well, though, Peter Withe

Peter was a great success at Forest until he was surprisingly sold to Newcastle.

Despite the shock of that transfer Peter has no animosity towards his former boss or club. In fact he still has many pals in Nottingham.

Naturally he's looking forward to this Saturday's match against Forest at Villa Park and the chance to pop in one or two. All players enjoy scoring against their old clubs.

Villa beat Forest 2-0 in last season's corresponding game. After several set-backs at home it's vital we win this one.

Whatever the result I look forward to seeing my mate Justin after the game. About time you bought me a shandy, pal!

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ingham Forest... Aston Villav. Nottingham Forest...

Mortimer, who became the first

Peter Withe, who's list of transfers

gives the publishers of most soccer handbooks huge headaches.

his goalscoring exploits for

Nottingham Forest. He is well respected still by the Nottingham public and no one will be trying

HEN I race on to the pitch with my Nottingham Forest team-mates for Saturday's game against League Champions Aston Villa, I shall spare a thought for a man who will probat ly be sitting in the stand huddled in a warm top coat to provect him from December's chilly blasts.
He will leaf through his

programme befr re the game like every other far in the bumper Villa Park crowd, roting team changes announced ver the loudspeaker, and wishin, like mad that he could strip off h's winter warmers and climb over the barrier on to the pitch fo a slice of the action.

By rights he should be playing in this al Midland First Division battle, by this man has been denied that privilege by a cruel twist of fate which destroyed his football career when it was flowering.

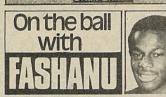
I'm referring to the tragic early retirement of Brian Little, who served Villa so loyally for 12 years before recurring knee trouble forced him out of the game in March.

Brian joined Aston Villa as a 15 ear-old in 1969 and such were his skills that he soon established himself. He played more than 300 games for Villa and was unfortunate not to win more than one England

At 27 he heard the dreaded words: "Sorry son, you ought to retire. Your knee is not up to League football."

Typical of a great club like Aston Villa, they've looked after Brian Little since he received that tragic news. They have invited him to join the club's commercial staff which





will involve him mainly in promotional activities.

I'd place half a year's salary on him making a success of the job. If there's such a thing as a "Best Young Businessman" award in the Midlands, I'm backing Brian to win

So I shall be counting my blessings on Saturday, thankful that I have the opportunity to play the game I have loved since I could

Another player out there on Saturday is grateful for everything that has happened to him in his short, but sensational career.

My old England Under-21 chum Gary Shaw, like me, would be the first to admit that you need a slice of luck however talented you might be in the game which sprays you with champagne one minute and dips you in humble pie the next.

Gary's emergence in Villa's title winning run was probably the most exciting thing to happen last winter. He scored 20 League and Cup goals at the very highest level and made

such an impact on the First Division that Robinson's Barley Water elected him their "Young Player of The Year"

And now he hopes to crown his this season by helping Aston Villa win the European Cup. Not bad for a player who is only 20.

Gary is one of many Villa players I admire. No one typifies the spirit in their camp more than Dennis



harder to puncture our defence on Saturday than the big Liverpool-born striker.

Villa captain for 71 years to hold the League Championship trophy aloft. Another player I respect greatly is Aston Villa are strong in most departments. The fans will have a marvellous opportunity to compare two of the greatest goalkeepers in **But Peter is best remembered for** the land, Jimmy Rimmer and Peter

Shilton.

Allan Evans and Brendan Ormsby are a formidable pair of central defenders and Villa's midfield is classy and clever. Gordon Cowans never seems to play a bad game and Tony Morley, who made a tremendous impression when he came on as substitute for England v Hungary, has silenced those who claim that wingers are dead.

If Villa do well in Europe, Morley could well emerge as their hero on account of his ability to get behind

Ground.

defences.

So Saturday's game should be a tight encounter. Forest were beaten 2-0 by Villa Park last season and they nicked a point from us at the City

> Hopefully, things will be different this time. We have been showing promising form with a healthier League position than Villa's.

I mentioned Brian Little's tragic retirement earlier. Now, finally, I'd like to pay my respects to a player who enjoyed a long career with Ipswich.

Celtic went to Portman Road to provide the opposition for Allan Hunter's testimonial. Allan has played almost 300 League games for Ipswich, and no professional footballer is more loyal than him. He has been luckier than Brian Little.

Gary Shaw

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Study the action photograph, taken during a Tottenham v West Bromwich Albion game this season, and see if you can answer the following questions about the match.

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- 2. And the two Tottenham stars on the right?
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- 5. Who were the managers of the two clubs before Keith Burkinshaw (Spurs) and Ronnie Allen (WBA) took over?

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- 2. After 174 League games he was transferred for £100,000 to —.
- 3. Then, in —, 1981 Jim was on his way back to Scotland with Rangers.
- 4. Stewart picked up a winners' medal when Rangers beat Dundee United 4-1 in a replay.
- 5. He made his Scotland international debut when he came on as a substitute against - in June, 1977.

Computer performance rating: 5 Superb; 4 Excellent; 3 Good.



GROUNDS

- 1. Shawfield Stadium is the home of ground of Cowdenbeath, Clyde or Clydebank?
- 2. Has the fabulous Maracana Stadium in Brazil ever staged a **World Cup Final?**
- 3. Where do (a) Exeter City, (b) Plymouth Argyle, (c) Carlisle United and (d) Bury (below) play their home games?

JUMBLED MANAGERS

Rearrange the jumbled letters to Rearrange the jumbled letters to find the names of some of Britain's top managers and their clubs.

1. XLAEGOREFUNS (RAENDEBE)

2. BBOIYPESAL (OILLOVPER)

3. HNJOSKOACHT (SSAAEWN)

4. LNAAUNBDRA (LEDNSARDUN)

5. ONJHIGGER (GSANRRE)

6. BBBYOOONBSR (PHIWSC)

7. CIHERAERRKB (OESTK)

8. TEERPAKCCMOR (RCKAPIT)

9. WELIARcMMMYEEN
(OOTTPHASUMN)

10. LLIBYLLcNMIE (CCTEIL)

ANSWERS:

TRUE OR FALSE. 1. False — he is an England Under-21. 2. True. 3. True. 4. True. 5. False — they also appeared in 1970 against Feyenoord, when they lost.

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PICTURE PUZZLE. 1. Ally Brown. 2. Tony Galvin and Paul Price. 3. 2-1. 4. do, Tottenham have won the Cup six times to WBA's five. 5. Terry Weill (Spurs) and Ron Atkinson (WBA).

ON THE BALL ANSWERS

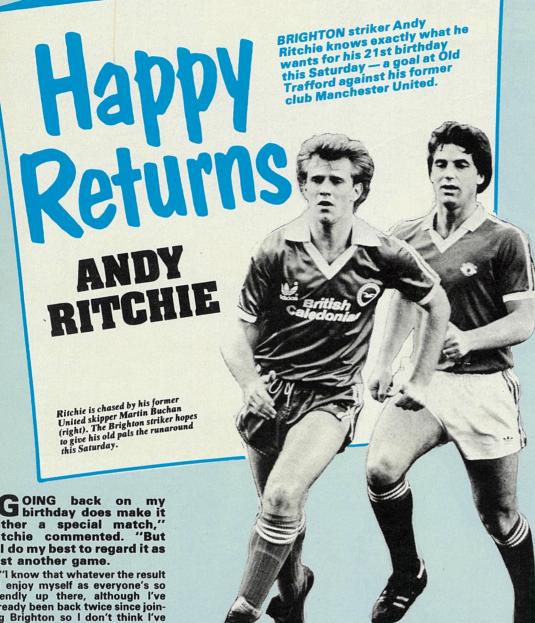
ACROSS:- (3) Gary. (6) Mackenzie. (8) Jena. (9) Albert. (13) Max. (14) East. (15) Highfield. (17) Zero. (18) Fox. (19) Gidman. (21) Yarn. (22) Robertson. (24)

(15) Highlield, (17) Edward (12) Ryan, (4) Macari, (5) Tier, (7) Lex. (8) James, (10) Brian Stein, (11) Ted. (12) Aston (15) Hog. (16) Leyton, (18) Fry. (20) Iron (23) Earn.

4. They play in the Fourth Division and are nicknamed The Blades. Can you identify the club and their ground?

5. Which ground proudly displayed the 1980-81 Scottish First **Division Championship trophy?**





GOING back on my birthday does make it rather a special match,' Ritchie commented. "But I'll do my best to regard it as just another game.

I'll enjoy myself as everyone's so friendly up there, although I've already been back twice since joining Brighton so I don't think I've got a point to prove to anyone."

Even though United have several new faces since Ritchie departed 13 months ago, he is fully aware of the task Brighton face if they are to avenge two League defeats as well as being knocked out of the F.A. Cup by United last

"Frank Stapleton, Steve Coppell, Bryan Robson and Ray Wilkins obviously stand out, but they've got so many quality players that we'll have to watch the whole

'This is why I relish the chance of playing against them. But they can't take us lightly because with a bit more organisation and con-centration we'd have beaten them last season, and recent results show that we've improved since

"At the moment there's a tre mendous spirit at Brighton, with everyone playing for each other, which I'm sure is largely due to Mike Bailey and John Collins. "Mike Bailey hasn't taken long

to show that he's a fine manager who's quickly got the best out of his players, and his style of management combined with a coach like John Collins have proved very good for Brighton.

"We've certainly got the potential to play in Europe," Ritchie added, "which is another reason why United can't take us for granted. But it may be that we're not quite ready for it at the moment. It could mean another year or two's wait for our fans." Despite a natural affection for

his native Manchester, Ritchie has no regrets about moving South and is certain that the United fans will see how much he has progres-

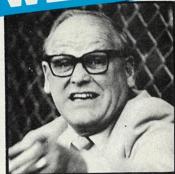
"Since I joined Brighton I've had regular first team football, which I wasn't getting up there. Our League Cup defeat at Barnsley

really knocked us out of our stride. We were playing well until that game, but now we are all determined to recapture our earlier form.

Ritchie also feels that his part-nership with Michael Robinson which had much to do with Brighton's encouraging start to the season - will give the United defence more than a few problems on

Saturday. "We've "We've been working well together this season — in fact it seems like telepathy at times as both of us are always aware when we're going to flick the ball to each

"I know that we have had some anxious moments, but none of us will be overawed on Saturday. And for me to score a goal would certainly be the icing on the birthday cake," Ritchie said.



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